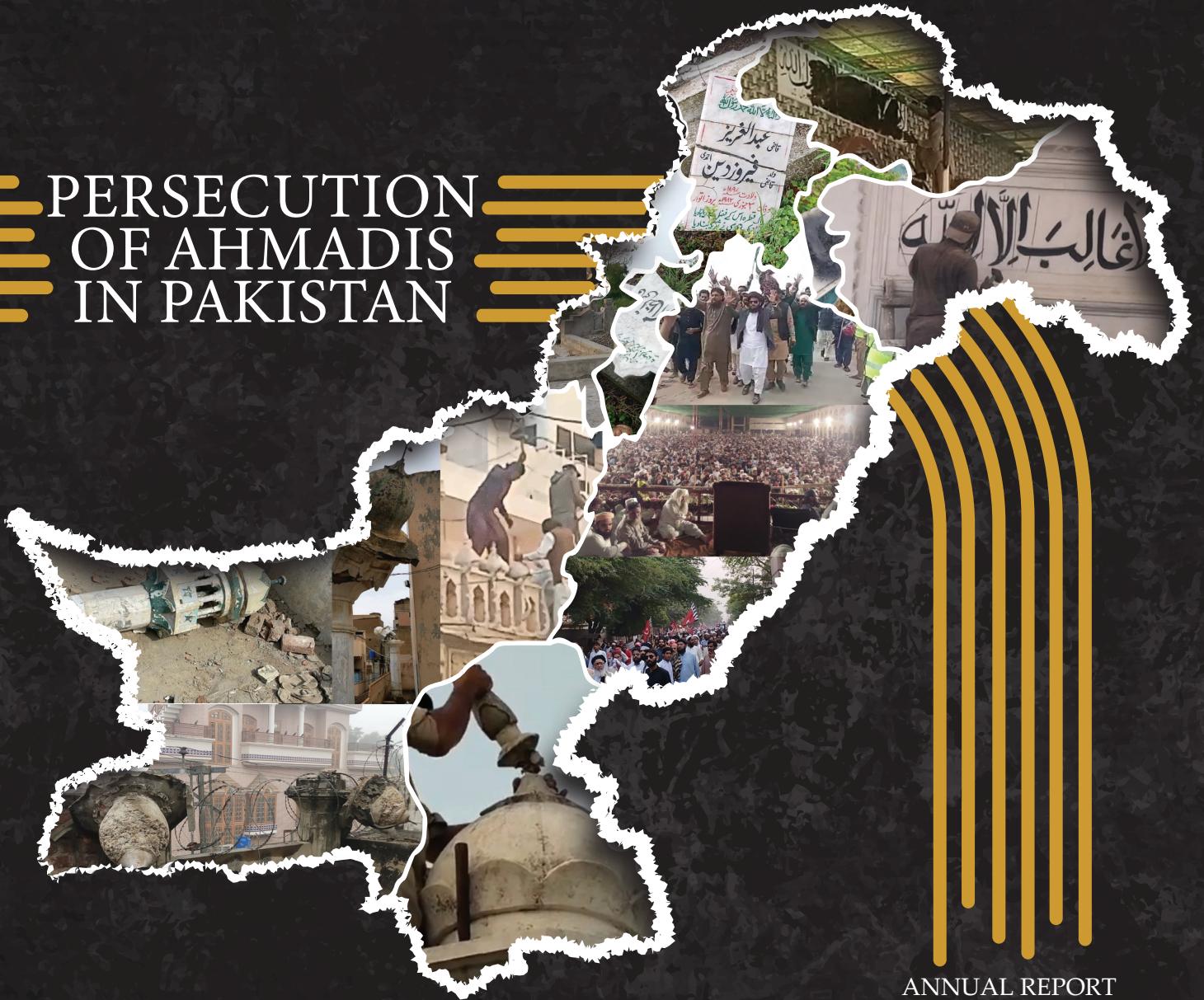


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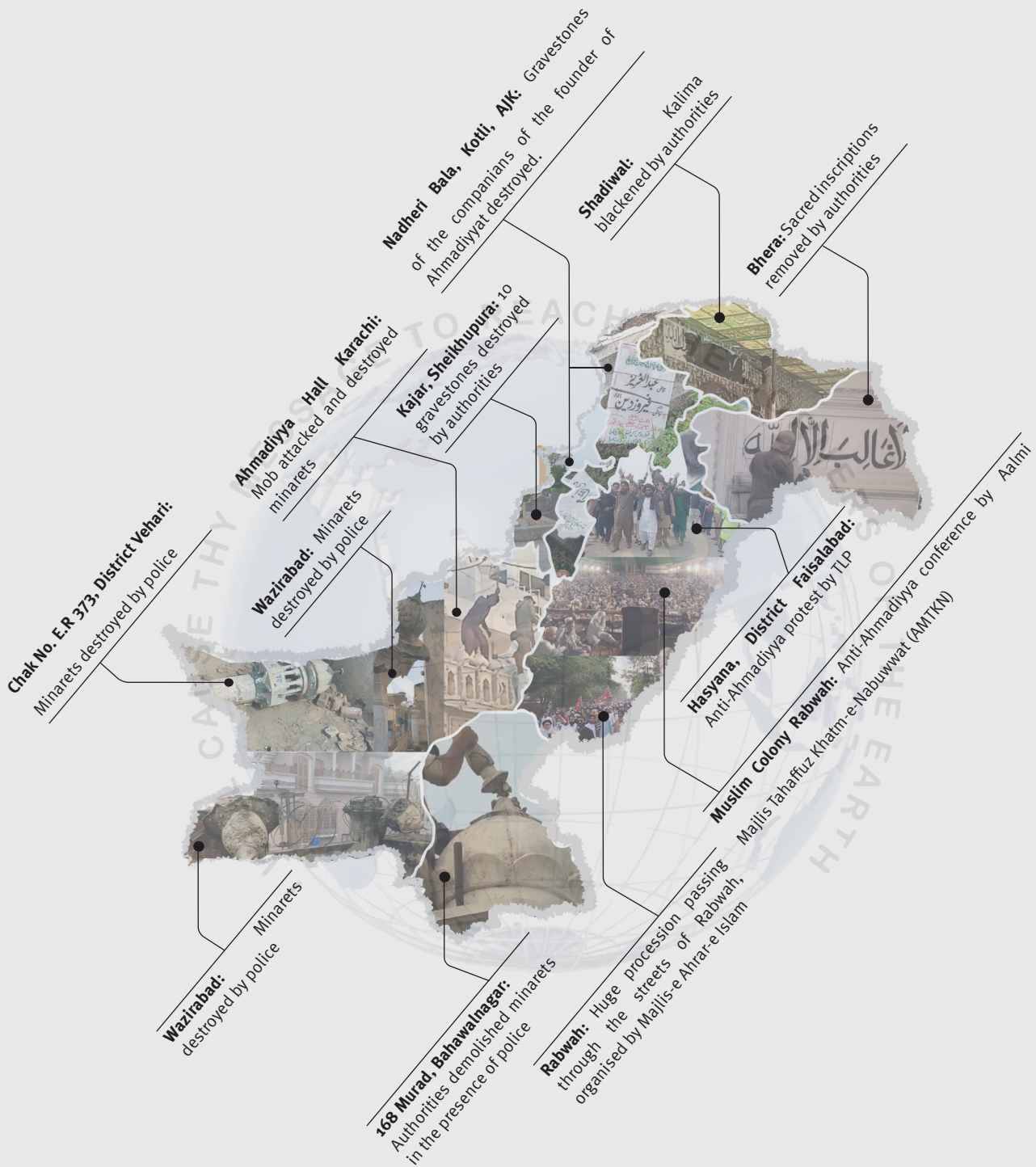


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# AHMADIYYA MUSLIM FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFICE

# FOREWARD

Here, we present yet another annual report on the persecution faced by the Ahmadi community in Pakistan, albeit with notable distinctions. This year witnessed a significant escalation in the desecration of Ahmadi worship places by both authorities and religious extremists compared to preceding years. Additionally, a prominent cleric publicly advocated, *“If an Ahmadi’s house is on fire, you should pour petrol on it, not water.”*

In addition to the comprehensive narratives featured in the main chapters, this report includes an Executive Summary, Spotlights, Conclusion, and Thematic briefs to facilitate readers in navigating sections according to their available time. A catalogue of prevalent rights violations and a set of recommendations are also provided. Chapter 1 delves into three crucial stories presented in considerable detail, accompanied by lists of Abbreviations and a Glossary for reference. Furthermore, the ‘From the Media’ section encapsulates significant news and perspectives pertinent to the human rights of Ahmadis, both directly and indirectly.

In the political landscape of 2023, the federal government was led by the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), succeeded later by a Caretaker Prime Minister. Initially, the provinces of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were governed by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, and Sindh was under the control of Pakistan People’s Party until caretaker administrations assumed control in these regions. These governments garnered significant support from influential quarters.

It’s imperative to recognize that the persecution inflicted upon Ahmadis not only harms them individually but also damages the national fabric and societal cohesion. It is our hope that a thorough examination of these contents, presenting a comprehensive narrative of facts and realities, will compel both domestic and international stakeholders, including the powerful, the elite, and the deeply concerned, to take decisive and sustained action towards effecting the necessary change in Pakistan’s governance. Extending support to the marginalized Ahmadi community will undoubtedly catalyze efforts to steer the nation towards a trajectory of peace, progress, and prosperity.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2023

Unfortunately, the year 2023 unfolded as an extension of the preceding year concerning the persecution experienced by Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan. However, in certain aspects, the oppression escalated, notably observed in the desecration of Ahmadiyya mosques. Prior to the current governance, the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), led by Mr. Shehbaz Sharif as Prime Minister, governed the federation, while Mr. Parvez Elahi of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) held control over the largest province, Punjab. They inher-

ited the leadership from the preceding governments, during which Ahmadis faced significant challenges regarding their freedom of religion and belief. Alarmingly, despite changes in government, state-sponsored mistreatment of Ahmadis persisted.

In January, Mr. Mohsin Raza Naqvi assumed office as the caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab, followed by Mr. Anwarul Haq Kakar, who assumed the role of caretaker Prime Minister in August.

## Desecration of Ahmadiyya Mosques

The persecution targeting Ahmadis in 2023 primarily centered on their freedom of religious practice (FORB). Spearheaded by religious figures, particularly those affiliated with Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), these actions found willing collaborators within the political establishment, who acquiesced to the demands of these clerics. Their demands often included the partial demolition of Ahmadiyya mosques, desecration of Ahmadi graves through the destruction of tombstones inscribed with Islamic phrases, and the denial of the right to perform animal sacrifices (Qurbani) during the Eid al-Adha festival. The collaboration between state authorities and religious figures resulted in widespread, egregious operations that inflicted severe emotional wounds on the Ahmadi community, undermining their human dignity within their own neighborhoods. Regarding the desecration of places of worship, the mulla (clerics) decided to object to Ahmadiyya mosques with traditional minarets and niches, demanding their removal or complete concealment. The TLP adopted this as a policy, simply needing to lodge a complaint with the police, sometimes even threatening that they would destroy the structures themselves if not complied with. It appears that the police and administration ultimately formulated a standard operating procedure (SOP) whereby, upon receiving such demands from the religious leader, they would comply “in the

interest of law and order.” Consequently, numerous Ahmadiyya places of worship were violated.

For instance, the main Ahmadiyya worship place in Karachi, the Ahmadiyya Hall, was vandalized twice this year, with miscreants permitted to destroy symbolic minarets in the presence of police. In Shahdhra (Lahore), the police cordoned off a mosque’s street and demolished the niche and minarets, already concealed by a wall. In Samundri, District Faisalabad, the administration informed Ahmadis that the clerics had demanded the demolition of minarets, and local officials were instructed to carry out the action immediately. The Assistant Commissioner bluntly warned Ahmadis that ‘if Ahmadis co-operated, there would be no problem, but if there were some resistance during the action, the responsibility of any damage inflicted during the resistance would not lie with the administration.’ Subsequently, police arrived on the night of December 21/22 to carry out the shameful act, employing Christian labour and removing debris afterward. Typically, officials coerce Ahmadis into undertaking demolitions themselves under threat, but if refused, police make alternative arrangements.

The pretext of “law and order” often appears feeble and insincere. For example, in Kirto, District Sheikhu-

pura, police, at the request of TLP, destroyed the upper portions of minarets with sledgehammers, instructing Ahmadis to cover the remainder, despite a written statement from local Muslims expressing no objection to the minarets and urging the administration to refrain from demolition.

Another egregious incident occurred in Kasur, where on February 17, police, at the demand of hostile miscreants, prohibited Ahmadis from offering Friday prayers in their mosque, despite their prior assembly. The pronounced role of TLP in these atrocities is evident. For instance, TLP clerics in Jhelum demanded the removal of “minarets and niches of all Qadiani centers (of worship).”<sup>1</sup>

The credit goes to a judge of Lahore High Court, Mr. Justice Tariq Saleem Sheikh who gave the verdict<sup>2</sup>, “However, in my opinion, they (Sections 298-B and C of PPC) do not mandate that the structures, built before the Ordinance XX of 1984, by which these

provisions were introduced, should be razed or altered.” Despite this clear verdict, the administration in numerous locations across Punjab proceeded with the demolition of minarets. In the year 2023 alone, state authorities themselves violated 44 Ahmadiyya mosques and worship places.

In a conversation with Voice of America, Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, the Prime Minister’s Advisor on Religious Harmony, stated that he had already advised the Ahmadi community to design their worship places differently from mosques. However, independent sources took a more empathetic stance. The weekly publication, The Friday Times<sup>3</sup>, published the following report in April: “A fact-finding mission led by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCPC) has underscored an alarming uptick in the persecution of the Ahmadiyya community ....” The report by HRCPC can be found here.<sup>4</sup>

## State of Ahmadiyya Graveyards

This year, Ahmadis’ graves, particularly tombstones, emerged as another specific target of persecution. A total of 109 graves and tombstones were damaged and desecrated, mostly at the hands of officials and hooligans. In a deeply disturbing incident on the night of September 22, Punjab Police colluded with radical clerics to destroy 74 gravestones in Daska Kalan, Sialkot. Earlier, the district administration of Shekhupura vandalized 10 Ahmadiyya gravestones after receiving complaints from bigots alleging that they carried sacred verses. In the same month, vigilante elements in Jhelum maliciously smashed two gravestones to pieces, one belonging to a highly re-

vered Ahmadi elder of saintly stature.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in a letter<sup>5</sup> to the Government of Pakistan expressed deep concern about the series of violent attacks against the Ahmadi minority, it states, “We are deeply concerned about this series of violent attacks against the Ahmadi minority, which we have previously addressed in several communications that despite our requests for remedial actions for authorities, the safety of the Ahmadi minority continues to deteriorate.”

## Suppression of Religious Practices

The freedom of Ahmadis to practice their faith was severely curtailed during the religious festival of Eid

al-Adha. Once again, the Mulla of the notorious TLP spearheaded this campaign, with the administration

1. <https://voicetpk.net/2023/07/tlp-calls-for-protests-on-yaum-e-gashur-against-ahmadiyya-community/>

2. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1775242>

3. <https://thefridaytimes.com/17-Apr-2023/sargodha-ahmadi-worship-place-desecrated-in-police-presence>

4. <https://hrcp-web.org/hrcpweb/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2023-Attacks-on-religious-minorities-sites-of-worship.pdf>

5. <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=27923>

cooperating with bigots and violating constitutional guarantees. Consequently, Punjab Police harassed Ahmadis at 89 locations, forcibly obtaining surety bonds from them at 28 places to refrain from undertaking Qurbani. Additionally, ten animals were illegally seized, 13 Ahmadis were booked in six police cases, and seven were arrested across various districts.

These actions were not carried out independently by

the police; rather, they were directed from the provincial capital. The Home Department of the Punjab government issued an immediate order on June 23, to all Deputy Commissioners regarding “Instructions on Eid Prayers Gatherings.” (Annex IV) This order, particularly paragraph 1(c), stipulated that “only Muslims shall be allowed to perform Qurbani in accordance with Islamic rites,” thereby violating relevant constitutional provisions on freedom of religion.

## Religion-Based Legal Cases & Blasphemy Charges

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Registration of religion-based criminal cases emerged as another tool of severe persecution. This year, the police booked 133 Ahmadis in 24 such cases. Given the small size of the Ahmadiyya community, this number is significant. Below, we mention a few sample cases to illustrate the nature of the prosecution and its impact.

In Ghogiat, District Sargodha, a mob desecrated the minarets and dome of an Ahmadiyya mosque in April, in the presence of the police. Surprisingly, the police filed a case against three Ahmadis on false charges of criminal intimidation and threats. In another incident, the police in Kotli, AJK, arrested an Ahmadi for simply listening to the recitation of the Holy Quran on TV. These injustices are not confined to a specific region; they occur in Sindh as well. In district Sanghar, Dr. Azhar Iqbal, who has a mosque within his residence, faced harassment when opponents approached the police, resulting in the mosque being sealed and Dr. Iqbal being charged under Section PPC 295-A, which carries a penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment. Even his brother, residing in Rabwah, hundreds of kilometers away, was unjustly implicated.

Another notable case involves the local president of the Ahmadi community in Khokhar Gharbi, District Gujrat. When Ahmadis were lawfully demolishing their old mosque to rebuild and expand it, a cler-

ic incited a crowd against them. Despite evidence supporting the legality of the Ahmadis’ actions, the police unjustly booked the president to appease the crowd and “maintain law and order.”

In the registration of such cases, it is a malicious practice to accuse numerous individuals in a single case, even when only one or two were involved or present. For example, 23 named and unnamed Ahmadis were falsely implicated in a case regarding minarets in Mandi Bahauddin on September 28. Similarly, in Bhulair, 12 Ahmadis were booked based on religious considerations, leading to the detention of 8, with only 1 eventually being released. Such releases often come at a cost in Pakistan. In another instance, 13 Ahmadis were charged under anti-Ahmadiyya PPC 298 for objecting to the design of their mosque.

In Pakistan, a blasphemy charge is perhaps the most feared, and authorities often bend over backward to justify its registration. However, for Ahmadis, such charges are easily and sometimes frivolously imposed. For instance, in Chak TDA/185, three Ahmadis were initially booked under non-religious penal sections, but upon pressure from a professional adversary, the SHO added blasphemy sections to their case. However, clerics, politicians, and lawyers organized a press conference demanding the application of even harsher blasphemy clauses.

## Difficulties in Obtaining Bail

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Another significant issue faced by Ahmadis is the dif-

ficulty in having their bail pleas accepted. There have



been cases where Ahmadis were denied bail, kept incarcerated for years, and eventually acquitted. For example, this year, Mr. Mubarak Sani, the principal of an Ahmadiyya madrassah where children learn Quran memorization, was shockingly charged under the blasphemy clause PPC-295-B for allegedly defiling the Quran (penalty: life imprisonment). Despite his

bail plea being rejected by the ASJ (Additional Sessions Judge) and subsequent rejection by the high court judge, he sought bail from the Supreme Court. Arrested in 2023, Mr. Sani remained behind bars until February 6, 2024, when the Supreme Court ordered his release. The others accused in the case have been declared proclaimed offenders.

## Government Support for Bigotry & Influence of Religious Figures

This year, the authorities continued to support religious bigotry. We cite only a few incidents as examples, and for the record. Within three days of assuming office as the Chief Minister of Punjab, Mr. Parvez Elahi issued a notification regarding Muslim marriages, requiring the bride, groom, and other parties involved to sign an affidavit denouncing the founder of Ahmadiyyat as a false prophet. This was another significant step aimed at further dividing Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan.

Senator Talha Mahmood, the federal Minister for Religious Affairs, publicly expressed “intense pain” over the serving of Shezan products, owned by an Ahmadi, on PIA airlines.

The federal government introduced 54 items for review in the National Assembly concerning the Elections Act. However, it hesitated to address the discriminatory clauses regarding Ahmadis in the Act due to religious considerations. With elections looming in a few weeks, Ahmadis remain conspicuously unable to exercise their voting rights—a significant social and societal deprivation. Human Rights Watch highlighted this issue in a well-worded situation report<sup>1</sup>, while the USCIRF, in a statement<sup>2</sup> issued in November, pointed out that Ahmadis are denied equal voting rights in local, provincial, and national elections unless they renounce their faith.

The Deputy Director (Colleges) in Chiniot, acting on directives from Lahore, issued a circular<sup>3</sup> (Annex XI) forming committees to inspect all libraries to ensure

that no copies of the Holy Quran with “new translations” prepared by Ahmadis were present on the shelves.

Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) issued a warning<sup>4</sup> (Annex XII) for social media and internet users, cautioning that those who use the Quran published by a non-registered publisher or utilize a translation or explanation by a non-Muslim that contradicts general Muslim belief would subject themselves to the “severest of punishments.” The PTA reminded the public that under the Blasphemy section PPC 295-B, individuals could face imprisonment for life.

Furthermore, a video surfaced showing a cleric, Qari Idrees, claiming that when an Ahmadi was appointed headmaster in Chaklala by the Education Department, he informed the authorities that “he was not acceptable under any circumstances in any province or region.” Consequently, the authorities relocated him to Saagri, Rawalpindi. However, the Qari pursued him there as well, threatening him with dire consequences. Faced with such circumstances, this senior teacher, with 35 years of experience, considered retiring.

The Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) has persistently pressured the government on religion-based issues, resorting to violence in the past, even resulting in the deaths of police personnel. This year, they organized a march on Islamabad. Instead of confronting them, the government chose to engage in talks, ultimately

1. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/12/08/pakistan-denies-voting-rights-religious-community>

2. <https://www.uscifr.gov/news-room/releases-statements/uscifr-concerned-pakistan-expulsion-refugees-and-attacks-against>

3. <https://dissenttoday.net/news/ahmadis-at-risk-of-new-wave-of-harassment-as-punjab-tightens-ban-on-quran-translations-published-by-community/>

4. <https://www.app.com.pk/national/people-publishers-involved-in-publication-of-holy-quran-with-errors-warned-of-severe-punishments/>

conceding on most points in a 12-point agreement. The majority of these concessions pertained to blasphemy laws, with the government agreeing to strengthen and expedite their implementation. The TLP is widely recognized as a group of religious extremists, teetering on the brink of terrorism.

During a ministerial press conference in Islamabad on January 5, 2023, ministers announced the government's intention to prepare a standardized version of

the Quran and its translation, aiming for unanimity, authenticity, and overall improvement—an ambitious undertaking. However, Mufti Abdul Shakoor, the Religion Minister, went further, unjustly mentioning Ahmadi in a derogatory manner.

It is unsurprising that the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) expressed particular concern about the mistreatment of Ahmadis by Pakistan, as outlined in their report<sup>1</sup>.

## Role of Legal Institutions

In the legal sphere, certain bar associations and lawyers demonstrated highly unprofessional and malicious behavior. For example, associations in Gujranwala<sup>2</sup> and KPK<sup>3</sup> and elsewhere mandated that membership applicants submit an affidavit affirming their belief in the End of Prophethood. Additionally, the Islamabad<sup>4</sup> (Annex XV) and Lahore Bar Associations (Annex XIV) petitioned authorities to prevent Ahmadis from conducting animal sacrifices during their religious festival. The Lahore High Court Bar Association (LHCBA) issued a press release<sup>5</sup> (Annex X), identifying blasphemy as the most pressing issue and demanding significant state action to combat what they deemed a “organized conspiracy” targeting the country itself. In Karachi, a group of lawyers and troublemakers physically assaulted a septuagenarian Ahmadi advocate within the court premises<sup>6</sup>. Consequently, the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)<sup>7</sup> expressed concern over these incidents, while the UK Bar Council raised similar concerns about the treatment of Ahmadi Mus-

lim lawyers in Pakistan in a letter to the chair of the Pakistan Bar Council<sup>8</sup>. Addressing the Karachi incident, Justice Omar Sial of the Sindh High Court remarked, “Not only was an attempt made to intimidate the court and disrupt the administration of justice, but a lawyer also physically assaulted...one of the learned counsels of the applicant. (...) Such behavior is simply unacceptable and must be condemned by the Bar Associations and Councils.”

Regarding judges, we defer detailed analysis and commentary to future historians. However, it's worth noting that the judiciary occasionally provided relief to Ahmadis. The judgment by Justice Tariq Saleem Sheikh regarding Ahmadiyya worship places built before 1984, as mentioned earlier, is a case in point. Chief Justice Faiz Isa of the Supreme Court also remarked on the lack of dialogue in the country and the prevalence of religious-based hatred, echoing the sentiment expressed by the great philosopher Marcus Cicero: “More laws, less justice.”

## Persecution in Education and Employment

In the realm of education, the situation remained dire. While authorities permitted all minority groups,

except Ahmadis, to publish their religious textbooks, Ahmadi children were denied the opportunity to

1. <https://www.uscifr.gov/sites/default/files/2023-05/Pakistan.pdf>

2. <https://bitterwinter.org/pakistan-ahmadi-lawyers-asked-to-deny-their-faith/>

3. <https://dissenttoday.net/news/new-lawyers-in-kp-will-now-declare-belief-in-finality-of-prophethood-before-getting-license/>

4. <https://dissenttoday.net/featured/lahore-islamabad-bar-associations-ask-authorities-to-stop-ahmadis-from-slaughtering-sacrificial-animals-on-aid/>

5. <https://dissenttoday.net/news/lahore-bar-association-wants-govt-to-hunt-blasphemers-on-social-media/>

6. <https://dissenttoday.net/news/lawyer-of-ahmadi-man-who-was-jailed-for-having-syed-in-name-beaten-up-during-court-hearing/>

7. <https://www.ibanet.org/IBAHRI-concerned-about-the-discrimination-of-Ahmadiyya-lawyers-in-Pakistan>

8. <https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/static/8c79d351-10b4-46d9-95368e496128072e/230525-Mr-Hassan-Raza-Pasha-Pakistan-Bar-Council-from-Chair-of-the-Bar-of-England-Wales.pdf>

study Islamiyat. This discrimination resulted in harassment, expulsions, social boycotts, and even physical assaults against Ahmadi students—a significant hardship for these targeted children.

In terms of employment and business opportunities, some Ahmadis in state service find themselves in precarious situations due to public objections from religious clerics, who threaten to disrupt “law and order” to intimidate the superiors of targeted Ahmadis. For instance, in September, when an Ahmadi Superintendent of Police was assigned to Mandi Bahaudin, the district leader of TLP took to social media and issued a threatening statement: “He cannot remain

here while we are present... If you wish to protect him, relocate him, as he cannot stay in our district.” Consequently, the police headquarters transferred him elsewhere.

Ahmadis also encounter challenges in running their businesses, with some being forced to close their shops. In Okara, the president of the local Ahmadi community practices law. TLP activists organized a rally against him, demanding that he refrain from attending court. Furthermore, unidentified individuals removed the words “Muhammad” and “Ahmad” from the sign outside his chamber.

## Incitement of Hatred and Violence

A particularly menacing practice against Ahmadis is the proliferation of hate speech, often propagated by religious leaders. Groups like TLP and Khatme Nabuwat routinely engage in such rhetoric. For example, Mulla Anas Rizvi, head of TLP, falsely claimed to a large gathering that “The Companions of the Holy Prophet killed 36,000 Mirzais, under the leadership of Caliph Abu Bakr Siddique in the Battle of Yamamah,” despite the Battle of Yamamah occurring centuries before the emergence of Ahmadiyyat. Similarly, another prominent mulla, Sibtain Naqvi of Jamiat Ahle Hadith, incited violence by stating in a speech, “If an Ahmadi’s house is on fire, you should

pour petrol on it, not water.” Such inflammatory rhetoric extends even to Rabwah, the center of Ahmadiyyat, where these mulla assembled a crowd of 15,000 to promote unabated hatred. Tragically, this indoctrination has led to acts of murder and assault. In February, prominent philanthropist Muhammad Rasheed, a homeopath, was brutally murdered in his clinic in Goteri, district Gujrat. In Sindh, thugs opened fire on a mosque where Ahmadis were present, while in Karachi, 77-year-old senior advocate of the Supreme Court, Syed Tariq, was attacked and beaten by a group of assailants in the court premises.

## International Recognition and Calls for Action

The persecution faced by Ahmadis this year has garnered the attention of United Nations offices. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has expressed deep concern, stating, “We are deeply concerned about this series of violent attacks against the Ahmadi minority... the safety of the Ahmadi minority continues to deteriorate.”<sup>1</sup> Who bears responsibility for this alarming situation? In a significant political admission on TV Samaa, Mr. Khaqan Abbasi (Former PM) remarked, “We’ll have to admit that we

are all guilty... The way we are running this country is not the way to run a country. Is there an article of the Constitution that we did not violate? To solve our problems, let’s start with the Constitution.”<sup>2</sup>

Indeed, let us begin with the Constitution, and one crucial step would be to repeal the Second Amendment, which discriminates against Ahmadis and itself constitutes a violation of the Constitution.

1. <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=27923>  
2. <https://youtu.be/Pan2Y8Jzxc?si=AsCjUlnoSEXymPY> (TV Samaa at 19:30 on March 12, 2023)

# SPOTLIGHTS 2023

- 44 Ahmadiyya worship places were violated, mostly by state officials, in violation of Lahore High Court orders. Officials proceeded to destroy minarets and niches of mosques built even prior to 1984. In Kirto, Punjab Police demolished minarets despite protest by local Muslims. The police desecrated 109 Ahmadiyya graves by demolition of their tombstones.
- In January 2023, Mulla Muhammad Sibtain Shah Naqvi of Markazi Jamiat Ahle-e-Hadees, Punjab went to the unbelievable extent in his speech when he told his audience, “If an Ahmadi’s house is on fire, you should pour petrol on it, not water.”
- An Ahmadi Superintendent of Police was posted to Mandi Bahauddin in September 2023. On this posting, Mulla Naeem Qadri, Amir Tehreek-e-Labbaik District Mandi Bahauddin issued the following statement (translation): “...He cannot be here while we are here. Either we’ll stay here, or he ... If you want to save him, take him away, he cannot stay in our district. ...” They posted him to Lahore with immediate effect.
- On the festival of Eid al-Adha, opponents forwarded 23 applications to the police over Qurbani by Ahmadis. The police harassed Ahmadis at 89 locations, at four locations Ahmadis were barred from offering Eid prayer, 13 Ahmadis were booked in six police cases, while seven were arrested.
- They arrested an Ahmadi in Kotli, AJK for listening to the recitation of the Holy Quran on the TV. They booked him under PPC 298-C, APC-504 in FIR 51/23 on February 10, 2023.
- Anas Rizvi, son of the known Khadim Rizvi told a large gathering that, “The Companions of the Holy Prophet killed 36,000 Mirzais under the leadership of Caliph Abu Bakr Siddique in the battle of Yamamah.” Ahmadiyyat came into being 12 centuries after that battle.
- 15,000 participated in the anti Ahmadiyya conference held in Chenab Nagar by AMTKN. Mulla promoted hate sans limite. For instance, Maulvi Saif ur Rehman of Faisalabad, declared that the war against Qadianis would go on ‘forever’. Maulvi Ayub demanded that all Qadiani worship places should be closed down (khatam ki jaen). The crowd was made to pass a resolution that the penalty of death for apostasy should be implemented.
- Gujranwala District Bar Association and the KPK Bar Council made it obligatory for membership candidates to fill an affidavit concerning End of Prophethood (KN). The bar associations of LHC, Islamabad and Sargodha wrote letters to authorities to not allow Ahmadis undertake animal sacrifice on Eid.
- Homeopath Muhammad Rashid, a prominent do-gooder for the poor, was shot dead in his clinic in District Gujrat, Punjab.
- Syed Tariq, a 77-year-old senior advocate of Supreme Court was attacked and beaten up by a bunch of bigots in Karachi city courts.
- The main Ahmadiyya worship place in Karachi, Ahmadiyya Hall was vandalized twice this year. Minarets were destroyed by miscreants in police presence.

- In Kasur, on demand of hostile miscreants, the police forbade Ahmadis to offer Friday prayer for which they had assembled.
- Lahore High Court Judge, Justice Saleem Sheikh opined, “However, in my opinion, they (Sections 298-B and C) do not mandate that the structure built before the Ordinance XX of 1984, by which these provisions were introduced, should be razed or altered.”
- The Deputy Director (Colleges) Chiniot, on orders from Lahore issued a circular forming committees to check all libraries to make sure that no copy of the Holy Quran with ‘new translation’ prepared by Ahmadis was on the shelves.
- Mr. Talha Mahmood, the federal religion minister expressed ‘intense pain’ in a public statement over serving Shezan products on PIA.
- Federal Govt.. took up 54 items to revisit the Election Act in the Assembly, however it lacked the courage to raise the discriminatory clauses regarding Ahmadis in that Act. Election are due only a few weeks hence.
- Mulla of TLP Jhelum demanded that minarets and niches of all Qadiani centers (of worship) should be removed in the district.
- In a ministerial presser at Islamabad, on January 5, 2023, it was declared that the government would prepare a standard version of the Quran and its translation which will be unanimous, authentic and better in all respect. Mufti Abdul Shabeer was more forthright and malign in wrongfully naming Ahmadis in the presser.
- The Mulla got a video prepared in which five teenagers demanded that Ahmadis be banished from Pakistan. The same day Pak economy will improve, one of them said. The video went viral.
- The daily Dawn reported on June 2, 2023 ‘(Parvez) Elahi taken into custody after week long siege. PTI leader arrested by anti-corruption police team as he tried to leave Gulberg residence.
- UN concern: The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed, “We are deeply concerned about this series of violent attacks against the Ahmadi minority.... the safety of the Ahmadi minority continues to deteriorate.”
- So said Mr. Justice Faiz Isa, the Chief Justice of the SC, inter alia: Unfortunately, there is no environment of dialogue in the country; there is hatred, for which people use religion.
- USCIRF felt “Particularly concerned about mistreatment of Hazaras and Ahmadis by Pakistan”: Report
- The government signed on June 18, 2023 a 12-point deal with TLP protesters, primarily on the blasphemy issue, and the TLP leadership ended the protest march.
- 12 members of the German Bundestag wrote a letter to the prime minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif on September 28, 2023, on the violation of fundamental rights of the ‘Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat’. No visible response, whatsoever.
- Mr. Khaqan Abbasi (former PM) made a landmark political confession on TV Samaa, inter alia: ‘We all have to admit that we are all guilty.... The way we are running this country is not the way to run a country. Is there an article of the Constitution that we did not violate? In order to solve our problems, let’s start with the Constitution.’

# BACKLOG OF GRAVE HR VIOLATION

In addition to the excesses committed by the state and society this year against fundamental rights of Ahmadis in Pakistan, serious violations committed in the past remained imposed and effective this year as well by even this government that is only Caretaker and not constrained by considerations of a vote bank. These have not been highlighted in this report, so they are listed here:

- **Ahmadis are forbidden to publish their premier scripture the Holy Quran and/or its Ahmadiyya translation in any language.**
- **Publication of all written works of the Ahmadiyya founder is banned.**
- **Ahmadis are not allowed to hold their traditional annual conference in Rabwah, nor any rallies of their auxiliary organizations including those of women and children. Last annual conference was held in Pakistan in December 1983; 250,000 participants attended.**
- **Mulla are permitted and facilitated to hold numerous hateful and provocative rallies in Rabwah every year.**
- **Participation in elections, even at local level, remains denied through devious rules and requirements. No action has been taken to enable Ahmadis participate in the forthcoming elections.**
- **Ahmadiyya daily and four other periodicals have remained proscribed.**
- **Ahmadiyya schools and colleges have not been denationalized.**
- **Transmission and relaying of Ahmadiyya TV channels remains blocked.**
- **Ahmadis are made to accept and state against their conscience their ‘Non-Muslim’ religious status to obtain national identity card.**
- **Entry of religion in passport remains in vogue.**
- **Ahmadiyya mosque at Dulmial remains locked since 2016, and the entire local community has no place for congregational worship.**
- **Unwritten and confidential orders issued by authorities to deny Ahmadis their equal rights as state employees and citizens have not been withdrawn, and remain in force.**
- **6 Ahmadis, incarcerated on false, fabricated or fake grounds in religion-based cases remained in prison due to official tyranny, malice or inaction.**
- **Various bodies of the UN had mentioned Pakistan in their dispatches for maltreatment of Ahmadis. The US had put Pakistan on the Countries of Particular Concern (CPC) list thus requiring it to improve its HR and ForB dealings with minorities. Various leaders in the US, the UK, Germany etc. had written to Pakistan authorities to restore basic and human rights of Ahmadis in the country, but they chose to disregard these and take no action on these fair and crucial ‘recommendations’.**

# SUMMARIZED THEMATIC INFO - 2023

## Ahmadi Killed for his Faith

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- On February 19, 2023, an Ahmadi homeopath, Dr. Muhammad Rasheed, who had Norwegian nationality as well, in his 70s, was shot dead by assassins in his clinic, which is adjacent to his residence in his ancestral village Goteriāla, District Gujrat, Punjab. Dr. Rasheed was in his clinic when two assailants, posing as patients, entered the building and opened fire on him. Succumbing to the injuries, he died on the spot.

## Faith-based Assaults

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- On April 13, 2023, a religious fanatic attacked Adv. Munir, an Ahmadi lawyer in Lalian with a cleaver. This city is only 12 km away from Rabwah. Advocate Amir Munir pleads with Ahmadis' court cases. He received head injury and was rushed to the hospital.
- On April 27, 2023, an elderly Ahmadi lawyer, along with his assistant, was attacked and severely beaten by religious bigots in City Courts Karachi.
- On June 3, 2023, armed miscreants detained Mr. Waqar Ahmad of Bhulair, District Kasur, and tortured him. He managed to escape. The police instead of helping him, registered a case against 12 Ahmadis. They detained 8 of them, but later released them except one—Mr. Ashfaq.
- Two Ahmadi students, Mr. Hassan Nawaz Khan and his sister of Rambra, District Narowal used to go to Aspire College Shakar Garh for studies. When their Ahmadiyya religious identity was discovered, the students highlighted it and turned it into an issue. On September 21, 2023 the college students attacked and assaulted Mr. Hassan. The principal sent him back home before the college closed for the day and told them not to attend the college 'to avoid any harm.'
- A mob stormed Ahmadiyya Hall in Karachi, for the second time this year on September 4, and demolished its minarets. The mob also vandalized this place of worship; apart from the destruction of the minarets, they beat up innocent Ahmadis inside the worship place.

## Religion-based Tyranny, Arrests and Prosecution

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Application of Ahmadi-specific laws, religious laws and registration of faith-based police cases was relentlessly undertaken by the state and the society. This year the police registered twenty-four criminal cases against Ahmadis, booked one hundred and thirty-three and arrested twenty-eight of them. Two others were also arrested for previously registered cases. Detail of all these cases is given in Annex I. Sum total of all police cases since year 1984 and other major human rights violation are given in Annex II.

- On Eid al-Adha this year, 13 Ahmadis were booked in 6 cases, and 7 were arrested for offering rituals. Another on security duty was unlawfully arrested under Arms Act for allegedly possessing an ‘illegal weapon’.
- On June 29, 2023, three Ahmadis of Dharowali, District Nankana Sahib asked butchers to slaughter their animals. Mulla reported this to the police, who interrogated the butchers. They even contacted the DPO who showed up at the scene and ordered registration of a case and follow-up arrests. The police registered a case against three Ahmadis, Messrs Rafique Ahmad, Azam Ali Kalu, and Nabeel Ahmad under section PPC 298-C in FIR No. 462/23 at Shah Kot police station. The accused are liable to be imprisoned for three years.
- On June 30, 2023, the police arrested and registered FIR No. 508/23 against two Ahmadis, Messrs Aftab Ahmad and Javaid Ahmad of Dheroki under PPC 298-C at Sadar police station, Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, for offering sacrifice, thereby allegedly hurting the sentiments of Muslims.
- On June 30, 2023, the police registered FIR No. 509/23 against two other Ahmadis Messrs Asad Ijaz and Ahmer Shiraz of Dheroki at the same Sadar police station, Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, under section PPC 298-C for offering sacrifice and hurting the religious feelings of Muslims by performing this ritual. They were subsequently arrested. The local Ahmadis tried to approach the DPO, but he did not help and ordered the registration of police case.
- On July 1, 2023, complainant Ghulam Mustafa, a local cleric of TLP, reported to the police that Mr. Tanvir Ahmad, an Ahmadi of Roshanwala, Faisalabad was sacrificing a calf in the yard of his farm-house. The police registered FIR No 571/23 against him under PPC 298-C at Roshanwala police station, Faisalabad.
- On July 1, 2023, the police registered an FIR No. 1454/23 against three Ahmadis, Messrs Ghazanfar Ali, Zubair, and Dawood, under sections PPCs 298 and 298-C at Badami Bagh police station, Lahore. According to the FIR, the complainant Nouman Umar called the police helpline 15, around 8 pm, when he found out that the accused were offering sacrifice at their residence in Badar Colony, Badami Bagh, Lahore. The police showed up and arrested the three from their residence. They were sent to prison on judicial remand.
- Bigots filed a complaint against two Ahmadis, Babar Ahmad and Nishat Ahmad of Kot Agha, District Sialkot for offering sacrifice. The police registered a case against the two under PPC 295-A in FIR No 327/23 at Qila Kalarwala police station on July 3, 2023. The complainant Muhammad Ali Muawiyah does not even reside in the village of the accused. His maternal grandparents reside in the village; they have a personal vendetta against the accused over a land dispute. The penal code applied provides for 10-year imprisonment.
- On June 29, 2023, an Ahmadi, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, was on security duty carrying lawfully a registered weapon. Nevertheless, on June 29, 2023, the police detained him under the Arms Act. They registered a case No. 1121 against him in P.S. Thekriwala, under Section 13-15-2 of the Arms Act.
- The police registered another police case and arrested two Ahmadis Mr. Muhammad Anwar and Mr.



Zafarullah with FIR No. 438 under section 216 of Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 for allegedly providing protection and helping their accused relatives to flee abroad, in the police station City Rajanpur on May 12, 2023.

- The police booked Mr. Ghulam Ahmad, Raja Nadeem Sarwar, Raja Khurram, Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, Mr. Mubashir Ahmad, Mr. Khushnood Ahmad, Mr. Ahmad Khan, Mr. Tanveer Ahmad and 15 unknown members of the Ahmadiyya community with FIR No. 782 dated September 28, 2023, under section 298-B. They were accused of making niche and minarets in their worship place in Chak 20, District Mandi Bahauddin, whereas this mosque was built in 1960. Subsequently, one of the accused, Mr. Shiraz was arrested; however, a magistrate accepted his plea for bail.
- The police registered a criminal case against 8 named Ahmadis and 30 unnamed under sections 298-B and 298-C in FIR No. 1436 in P.S. Civil Lines, on September 27, 2023, for building their place of worship with minarets on the premises of Shahtaj Sugar Mills. The worship place was built in 1970, 14 years before the promulgation of the infamous Ordinance.
- Mr Basharat Ahmad, Mr Ayaz Nasir along with two unnamed persons, were booked on August 06, 2023, in a fabricated case of preaching Ahmadiyyat, under Section 298-C with FIR No. 711 at P.S. City Renala Khurd. Police arrested Mr Basharat Ahmad on the same day and was sent to jail on judicial remand.
- The police took Shafiq Ahmad and his brother Parvez Ahmad to the police station and registered a case against him under PPC 107/151.
- The police registered a case No. 1783 against two Ahmadis, Muhammad Mubashar and his son Musharraf Ahmad, on August 1, 2023, in Badami Bagh Police Station, Lahore under PPC 298-C for allegedly propagating their belief. They arrested other six in as supplementary in the case.
- A case was registered against Mr. Mubarak Ahmad in City Police Station Kotli under PPC 298, 298-C and 489-P. The police raided his residence to arrest him, but when they could not find him, they detained two of his sons, Taimoor Ahmad and Luqman Ahmad, and also his servant.
- Twelve Ahmadis were booked under FIR No. 588 under PPCs 324, 149, and 148 in Police Station Phool Nagar, District Kasur. On subsequent investigation, all were released expect one, Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad.
- Three Ahmadis, Mr. Zubair Ahmad, Mr. Tahir Ahmad and Mr. Mubashar Ahmad, were booked under PPCs 341, 34, 298, 337V, 506, at Police Station Sadar Bhakkar with FIR no. 479 and were arrested.
- May 19, 2023: The police booked 13 Ahmadis under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-B, with FIR no. 204 at Police Station Buchiana, objecting to the design, minaret and niche of the Ahmadiyya place of worship.
- Kotli, AJK; February 10, 2023: The police registered here a case against an Ahmadi, Tasleem Ahmad Kashif, under 298-C, APC-504 at Police Station Kotli in FIR 51/23. The complainant said that Tasleem Ahmad Kashif was listening to the recitation of the holy Quran in high volume in his garments store

and that hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims.

- In a shocking turn of events, Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, Ahmadi, a 77-year-old senior advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, was attacked and beaten up along his office assistant by a bunch of bigots, while present in Karachi City Court on April 27, 2023. The attackers were mostly lawyers; they took him forcibly to the police station. Instead of providing him with necessary aid and protection, the police registered a case against him under anti-Ahmadi law PPC 298-B and arrested him.
- Khokhar Gharbi, District Gujrat; February 2023: The police booked the local Ahmadi president along with other unnamed Ahmadis under FIR No. 28 under PPCs 149, 147, and 295. Ahmadis were demolishing their old worship place to rebuild it, as they have an adjacent plot, relatively new building for worship when a leading mulla reached the spot and started to quarrel.
- On July 4, 2023, mulla campaigned against the mosque on an Ahmadi's farmhouse in Chak 24, Sanghar. The police registered a case against two Ahmadis under PPC 295-A, 298-C, 298-B (1) (D), and sealed the worship place.
- A case was registered against Mr. Sadiq Shah Shirazi, the president Ahmadiyya community Mong, Mandi Bahuddin, under PPC 298-B on September 27, 2023 in Sadar Police Station Mandi Bahauddin.
- On April 16, 2023, around 11:00 pm, the opponents climbed up the rooftop and demolished the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Ghughiat, District Sargodha. This happened in the presence of the police who registered a police case against three Ahmadis under 298-C, 109, 506 in Miani Police Station, the next day.
- The police booked four Ahmadis Asad Imran, Ghulam Mustafa Zakria, Abdul Hai and Ahmad on the complaint of Maulvi Abdul Aziz of Aalmi Majlis Khatme Nabuwat under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 1291, on April 17, 2023 in Police Station Sanda, Lahore. The plaintiff took the stance that there was an unregistered place of worship of the Qadianis at Shamnagar Chauburji, where the above-mentioned accused were illegally preaching Qadianiat.
- Last year, on December 6, the police booked Ahmadiyya leadership with FIR No. 661/22 under the blasphemy section 295-B, PPC 298-C and the Punjab Holy Quran (Printing and Recording) Act 2011, allegedly for distributing copies of the Holy Quran as a prize among students who had memorized the Holy Quran. Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani Principal of Noor Academy was arrested on January 7, 2023, from his home in Rabwah. The worthy Principal remains behind bars and all others booked have been titled proclaimed offenders.
- Mr Mubashar was arrested this year as Supreme Court rejected his bail. He was booked under PPC 337 (iv), 337A (i), 334, 337F(i), 337L (i), 147, 148,149 and 504in FIR No. 59 on December 27, 2022, in Nagar Parkar Police Station, Tharparkar, Sindh.

## Freedom of Religion Denied

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- Freedom of performing religious rituals of Qurbani were severely curtailed this year. 23 applications

and complaints against Ahmadis were submitted in various police stations. Punjab Police harassed Ahmadis at 89 places. At 4 places, Ahmadis were barred from offering Eid prayers. At 28 locations, Ahmadis had to submit surety bonds that they would not undertake Qurbani. Bar councils were also active in this enormity; they even offered free legal support for those wanting to sue Ahmadis for performing religious rites. 13 Ahmadis were booked in 6 cases, and 7 were arrested.

- During the dark hours of January 10, 2023, the Punjab Police vandalized the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque Wazirabad, Gujranwala.
- On January 18, 2023, a dozen opponents attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque on Martin Road, Karachi. They climbed to the roof and demolished its two minarets.
- On February 2, 2023, vandals attacked Ahmadiyya Hall Karachi and razed its minarets to the ground in the presence of the police.
- On February 3, 2023, some unidentified men undertook arson at the mosque of Noor Nagar, District Umar Kot, Sindh.
- On February 3, 2023, unknown attackers demolished the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque and committed arson in Goth Ghazi Khan, Mirpur Khas, Sindh.
- On February 4, 2023, while Ahmadis were inside, someone opened fire at the prayer center in Satellite Town, Mirpur Khas, Sindh. The bullets hit the wall and the main door, though everyone remained safe.
- On February 18, 2023, a mob gathered in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Kasur, harassed Ahmadis, and did not let them offer Friday prayer. The incident was witnessed by the police.
- In February 2023, TLP activists destroyed an Ahmadiyya mosque in Bahuman, Sheikhpura, constructed on the farmhouse of an ex-Ahmadi who had recently denounced Ahmadiyya belief.
- On March 24 & 25, the police demolished the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque Kalra Kalan, District Gujrat.
- On April 29, 2023, the authorities sealed the Ahmadiyya mosque in Shahabpura Sialkot and demolished the newly constructed adjacent structure.
- On April 15, 2023, a mob besieged the Ahmadiyya worship place in Rajgarh Samanabad Lahore. Police booked Ahmadi instead.
- On April 16, 2023, around 11:00 pm, the opponents climbed up the rooftop and demolished the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Ghughiat, District Sargodha. This happened in the presence of the police who registered a police case against Ahmadis.
- On May 4, 2023, a group of assailants attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque Dholan Abad, Mirpur Khas, demolished its minarets and caused extensive damage to its structure.
- On July 24, 2023, a dozen miscreants demolished the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque on Drigh Road

Karachi.

- On the night of July 14, 2023, the police vandalized the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque in Kala Gujran, District Jhelum, as a result of TLP's ultimatum.
- In July 2023, mulla campaigned against the mosque in an Ahmadi's farmhouse in Chak 24, Sanghar. The police registered a case against two Ahmadis and sealed the worship place.
- On August 18, 2023, security officials came to Ahmadiyya mosque in Kasur when the Friday prayer was in progress. They forced the worshippers to leave the premises.
- On the night of August 18, 2023, a dozen officials blocked the street from both sides and started breaking the niche of Ahmadiyya mosque in Sambrial. The municipal employees took the debris with them.
- On August 14, 2023, on the behest of mulla, the police cut the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak No. 543 E.B, District Vehari.
- On August 29, 2023, the police came to the Ahmadiyya mosque in Chooknawali, District Gujrat and painted the Kalima black.
- On August 8, 2023, the police demolished the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak No. E.R. 373, District Vehari, the minarets were already covered on the instructions of the police.
- On August 5, 2023, some unidentified extremists arrived at about midday, and defiled the niche of Ahmadiyya mosque in Sanghar City.
- On August 29, the police special branch officials got the Kalima and other writings blackened with the help of laborers, in Ahmadiyya mosque Shadiwal, District Gujrat.
- On August 6, 2023, the extremists demolished the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque in 168 Murad, District Bahawalnagar.
- On August 12, 2023, the AC, DSP, SHO, and CEO visited the Ahmadiyya mosque and ordered the council workers to remove the inscriptions of "Al Hukmulillah" and "La Ghaliba Illallah" in the Ahmadiyya mosque Bhera, District Sargodha.
- On September 23, 2023, despite the protest and written assurance by local non-Ahmadis, the police, under the pressure of the TLP activists demolished the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque in Kirto, Sheikhupura.
- On September 04, 2023, a mob stormed Ahmadiyya Hall, Karachi and destroyed its minarets. This is the second attack on the mosque this year, the first one took place on February 2.
- On September 21, 2023, 15-20 miscreants vandalized the Ahmadiyya mosque on Martin Road, Karachi. This was the second attack of the year on the same mosque; the earlier took place on January 18.
- On September 9, 2023, A group of clerics, accompanied by policemen, came along and demanded demolition of the niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Shahdara Town, Lahore. The police destroyed

the niche with the help of some laborers.

- On September 14, 2023, the TLP activists defiled the minaret in the presence of the police in Narang Mandi, District Sheikhupura.
- On September 1, 2023, the police defiled the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque in 79 Nawan Kot, District Sheikhupura. They removed the steel ornaments from the minarets.
- On the night between September 15 and 16 2023, TMA employees in civilian clothes demolished the minaret of the Ahmadiyya mosque under the supervision of the police in 168 Murad, District Bahawalnagar.
- On September 13, 2023, four policemen entered the premises of Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak No. 183 Murad, District Bahawalpur, switched off the lights and security cameras and closed the roads for any traffic. Meanwhile, two extremists climbed to the roof and demolished the minarets in the presence of the police.
- On September 2, 2023, the police destroyed the inscriptions from the Ahmadiyya mosque in Shadiwal, District Gujrat, which were blackened earlier by them in August.
- On September 24, 2023, the police destroyed the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Baidadpur Virkan, District Sheikhupura
- On September 23, 2023, the SHO along with the opponents, entered the mosque by breaking the lock and destroyed the minaret of the mosque in Nanu Dogar, District Lahore.
- On September 25, 2023, on the behest of TLP activists, the police cut the upper portion of the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Kalsian Bhattian, District Sheikhupura.
- On September 29, 2023, around 20 religious extremists led by mulla came over to the Ahmadiyya mosque in Mahmud Abad, District Jhelum and demolished its niche.
- On September 27, 2023, extremist elements tried to break the niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque in 55/2L, District Okara. Two days later, the opponents broke the remaining part of the niche, and broke the CCTV cameras.
- On 24 November 2023, about 50 miscreants attacked Ahmadiyya mosque in Dolian Jattan, Kotli, AJK, they demolished the minarets, destroyed the niche and fled.
- On December 21, at about midnight, district administration and the police jointly destroyed the minarets of the local Ahmadiyya mosque in Samundri, District Faisalabad, Punjab. They took the debris with them.
- A police contingent came and removed Kalima from Ahmadiyya mosque in Khakhi, District Multan on December 9, 2023.

## Official Prop to Persecution of Ahmadis

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- The federal government managed to have several bills passed in the joint session of the parliament.

One of these was regarding numerous amendments to the Elections Act. The press reported that 54 items were taken up. However, an important one, was not even suggested; it was facilitating Ahmadis voting rights in a genuine joint electorate.

- The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) in one of its letters addressed to all Vice Chancellors/ Rectors/ Heads of universities dated March 27, 2023, directed to offer a mandatory non-credited course for Muslims on the Holy Quran. This order does not provide any alternative course for minorities and would single out Ahmadis.
- On April 5, 2023, the Deputy Director (Colleges), District Chiniot issued a circular forming committees, comprising professors and lecturers, to investigate and report that no library of any college (public or private) has a copy of the Holy Quran with ‘new translation’ prepared by the Qadiani/Ahmadi Community. In fact, such Holy Quran does not exist.
- On May 27, 2023, Senator M Talha Mahmood (JUI) , Federal Minister of Religious Affairs made a statement recorded in a video. Thereafter he had it uploaded as a tweet from the address @senatorMtalha. We produce it below with our English translation:
- The issue of publicity of Qadiani products on social media
  - A strong reaction from Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, the Federal Minister of Religious Affairs
  - Orders elimination of brochures. Report demanded within two days.
  - On July 24, 2023, the AC and DSP Bhera sent for the Ahmadi elders in Bhera District Sargodha and made them revert the changes to their historic mosques’ renovation.
  - In February 2023, PTA issued a warning for social media users and targeted Ahmadis for making them accountable for any “extension, or any translation or commentary (of the Holy Quran) by a non-Muslim which contradicts the beliefs of Muslims”.
  - On the night of September 22, 2023, 74 Ahmadiyya gravestones were demolished by Punjab Police in Daska Kalan, Sialkot. The area’s Assistant Commissioner and his staff led the desecration. The graves included relatives of Pakistan’s first foreign minister Sir Zafarullah Khan.
  - On the request of the religious bigots, the police destroyed two tombstones in Bhulair Kasur on September 30. They took away the debris with them.
  - On July 1, 2023, the district administration vandalized 10 Ahmadiyya gravestones in Kajar, District Sheikhpura.
  - In May 2023, the residence of Parvez Elahi Former Chief Minister Punjab was raided on the accusations of corruption, He accused “Ahmadi Lobby” of this.

## The Bench and the Bar

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- Gujranwala; March 7, 2023: District Bar Association Gujranwala, issued a notification making the

declaration of the End of Prophethood and calling bad names to the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Community compulsory for its membership.

- Peshawar; May 3, 2023: KPK Bar Council, Peshawar decided in their Executive Committee that in future all new entrants will submit an affidavit on the issue of End of Prophethood, along with their Initiation Form. In the past, some other bar associations in the country had also undertaken such regressive measures. These included associations in Multan, Islamabad, Gujranwala, etc.
- On the Eid al-Adha festival, bar associations of Lahore High Court, Islamabad, and Sargodha wrote letters to authorities to make sure that Ahmadis are not allowed to exercise freedom of practice of their faith by undertaking animal sacrifice at their religious festival of Eid al-Adha; they even offered free legal support for those wanting to sue Ahmadis for performing religious rites.
- A case was registered against unknown persons in Phul Nagar police station, District Kasur, under FIR No. 1023 dated 06 September 2023, under The Punjab Prohibition of Expressing matters on Walls Act 153-A 2015-2 for the anti-Ahmadiyya graffiti on the walls in Gujjarawali Jhalaar, District Kasur. A resolution condemning the registration of the said case was passed by the Bar Association of Kot Radha Kishan, District Kasur, in which the FIR was demanded to be quashed. The case has been described as a heinous conspiracy against Muslims. “Qadiani were infidels and are infidels, so action should be taken against the pro-Qadiani conspirators,” the resolution demanded.
- Lahore High Court Bar Association issued a press release to celebrate April 7, 2023 as Protection of Honour of Prophethood Day.
- Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court asked for the opinion of the Muttahida Ulema Board in a petition by an anti-Ahmadi activist against the minarets of the local Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak No. 88 JB, Hasyana, District Faisalabad. This board consists of mulla who are very hostile to Ahmadis.
- On October 2, 2023, Justice Ali Zia Bajwa of Lahore High Court sent a case back to the Chief Justice, apologizing from hearing the bail application of Mr. Sani. A fabricated criminal case was registered in Chenab Nagar police station on December 6, 2022, under PPC 295-B, PPCs 298-C and 298-B against Mr. Sani and a few others on pretext of distribution of alleged corrupted translation of the Holy Quran.
- Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, a 77-year-old Ahmadi advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, was attacked and beaten up along his associate by a bunch of bigots, while present in Karachi City Court on April 27, 2023. The lawyers’ gang even beat up his legal representatives in the courtroom later.

## Hateful Propaganda

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**Note:** Numerous conferences and rallies mentioned in this section were held under cover of fair names of Milad, Khatme Nabuwat etc. but in fact were anti-Ahmadiyya hate propaganda.

- Commemorating the passage of 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan, through which Ah-

madis were declared not-Muslim, mulla hold rallies and conferences every year on September 7. This amendment opened the gates of persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan. Like previous years, mulla gathered in Rabwah to commemorate this event. The 36th Khatme Nabuwwat Conference was organized in Mulla Shabbir Ahmad Usmani's madrassah in Muslim Colony, a neighborhood of Rabwah on its east ridge. Around 200 people attended the conference.

- On September 29, 2023, the mulla once again gathered in Rabwah and celebrated 12 Rabbi ul Awwal, while openly inciting the crowd against the Ahmadi residents of the town.
- Rabwah, 26, 27 October 2023: Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatm-e-Nabuwwat (AMTKN) held a two-day conference here, on the theme of End of Prophethood (KN) in Muslim Colony, Rabwah. Mulla from all over Pakistan came and indulged in hate-speech against Ahmadis in their headquarters town. For example, Siraj ul Haq, Amir Jamaat Islami expressed the view that there were two great mischiefs (fitna) in the world – Judaism and Qadianism. Both are supported by the US and UK. It is treason (ghaddari) to both Pakistan and Islam to let Qadianiat flourish.... We should volunteer for Jihad these days; Palestine's Muslims are calling us for help; they need your help, he told the crowd.
- The participants of this five-session conference were recorded around 15,000.
- In October 2023, posters of the Khatme Nabuwwat Conference, to be held on October 26 and 27 in far away Rabwah were pasted at the houses of three Ahmadis in Faisalabad by two unidentified motorcyclists.
- On November 11, 2023, Qari Shabbir Usmani presided over another Annual Khatme Nabuwwat Conference in Muslim Colony, Rabwah. The proceedings started at 12:30 and concluded at 15:30. Approximately 175 men attended.
- On April 16, 2023, during dark hours, some miscreants graffitied “Mirzais and Qadianis are infidels and apostates—countless curses be upon them” (translation) on the boundary wall of the main Ahmadiyya mosque in Lahore, one of the two mosques where massacre took place in 2010.
- In February 2023, someone graffitied hateful words against Ahmadis on the wall of Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak 297 GB, Toba Tek Singh.
- In September, anti-Ahmadiyya elements graffitied on the walls in Gujjarawali Jhalaar, District Kasur, “Qadiani are infidels; Qadiani, first enter Islam and then enter the shop” and such other anti-Ahmadiyya phrases.
- In January 2023, Mulla Muhammad Sibtain Shah Naqvi (Patron Markazi Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadees, Punjab; Founder and Principal of Markaz Imam Bukhari, Sargodha), went to the unbelievable extent in his speech when he told his audience, “If an Ahmadi's house is on fire, you should pour petrol on it, not water”.
- In a statement, available in video, TLP's leading mulla, Anas Rizvi, son of the known Khadim Rizvi told a large gathering that, “The Companions of the Holy Prophet killed 36,000 Mirzais (a derogatory term for Ahmadis) under the leadership of Caliph Abu Bakr Siddique in the battle of Yamamah”. Ahmadiyya



community came into being in year 1889 whereas the Battle of Yamamah happened in 632 AD—twelve centuries earlier.

- The daily Dunya printed the following two-column news on its front page, on October 27, 2023: (Translation): 600 Qadianis in the Israeli army are bombing Palestine: Khatme Nabuwwat conference....
- On February 3, 2023, a known cleric Mufti Abdul Wahid Qureshi recorded a hate-filled video while aboard a flight on Pakistan International Airlines (PIA). It called for a boycott of businesses owned by Ahmadis.
- Protesting against the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Okara, TLP took out a procession on 10 September 27, 2023, with 2000-2500 participants.
- On November 3, 2023 an anti-Ahmadiyya meeting was held in Milad Chowk, Old Bazaar, Kotli under the management of Tehreek-e-Labaik and a Khatm-e-Nabuwwat organization. Provocative speeches were made against Ahmadis.
- On September 5, 2023, Tahaffuz-e-Khatme-Nabuwwat camp was set up in Kashmir Chowk, Mithi. There people were incited against the Jamaat, and anti-Ahmadiyya pamphlets were distributed.
- On September 17, 2023, a procession was organized in Basti Shikrani, District Bahawalpur by the opponents. Many notorious mulla participated in the conference including Maulvi Allah Wasaya and mulla Irfan Mahmood Barq. They incited people to boycott Ahmadis. Irfan Mahmood Barq, has a record of inciting the public against Ahmadis and endangering their lives and property.
- The opponents undertook a campaign on social media against the Ahmadiyya mosque in F Block, Okara, and threatened with procession for destroying its minaret and niche on September 27, 2023. Their rally comprised around 2500 persons.
- On January 29, 2023, TLP organized a Hazrat Abu Bakr conference in Chak No. 88 JB, Hasyana, District Faisalabad. Irfan Mehmood Burq, a hostile mulla, also spoke in the conference. The speakers opted profanity against Ahmadiyya community instead of talking on the main topic. They agitated the audience against Ahmadis and told the crowd that saying Salaam to them is forbidden. Ahmadis are deniers of End of Prophethood and they could not call their mosque as Masjid, etc. “You are the guardians of End of Prophethood — protect this dogma even at the cost of your lives”, they exhorted.
- TLP organized processions and rallies at various locations after the attack on Ahmadiyya mosque in Dolian Jattan, Kotli, In these events they even threatened Ahmadis, and pasted anti-Ahmadiyya posters on shops. The shopkeepers in the town have socially boycotted Ahmadis. Local Ahmadis go to far off places to buy groceries.
- We found a viral anti-Ahmadiyya video in which a group of five teenage boys demanded the expulsion of Ahmadis from the country. They said “...Qadianis who have built their city of Rabwah and have their heaven and hell (there), when will they be deported, when will they be expelled from Pakistan. They are enemies of our faith; they also blaspheme our Prophet – they are surely enemies of Islamism (Musalmaniat). Iqbal, Allah bless him, called Qadianis ‘mini-Israel’ .... We demand their expulsion from

here. Afghans are gone...well, that was a decision—good; but we demand that Qadianis be expelled from here.” (translated)

## Ahmadi women

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- Two female Ahmadi teachers were teaching in a private school for years in Ganda Singh Wala, District Faisalabad. On September 20, the owner of the school visited their uncle, Mr. Muhammad Haneef, at his residence and told him that a mulla was demanding him to sack the Ahmadi teachers from the school. Mr. Muhammad Haneef assured him that both his nieces would not go to his school anymore. Ahmadi reported the incident to the authorities.

## Threats

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- In April 2023, in a video statement, Qari Idrees challenged the Education Department on posting of an Ahmadi as headmaster of a government school in Chaklala, Rawalpindi. The mulla threatened bloodshed and physical harm to the government official (the headmaster) on reporting to his place of duty. The Ahmadi's appointment was withdrawn and he was appointed as principal of the school at Saagri, Rawalpindi. The mulla followed up the new appointment and opposed this one as well. In these hostile circumstances in which his department and other governmental institutions have almost surrendered to the mulla, Mr. Bhatti took leave, and planned to retire.
- In September 2023, Mr. Fateh Ahmad, Ahmadi was posted by his department to Mandi Bahauddin as Superintendent Police. At this posting, Mulla Naeem Chatha Qadri, Amir Tehreek-e-Labbaik District Mandi Bahauddin issued the statement, “If you want to save him, take him away, he cannot stay in our district.” The concerned senior office responded in fear and transferred Mr. Fateh Ahmad back to Lahore in the Patrolling Police section
- On September 30, 2023: Two miscreants, Manzur Ahmad and Zaheer Ahmad came over to the local Ahmadiyya mosque in Dhani Dev, T.T. Singh, and shouted diatribes from the gate. Four Ahmadi were present inside. Manzur Ahmad named an Ahmadi Mr. Rashid Ahmad and said that he would like to gain paradise by murdering Rashid.
- On August 15, 2023, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Ahmadi, died in Jatoi, District Muzaffargarh. He joined the Ahmadiyya Community about 30 years ago, while the rest of his family is non-Ahmadi. Arrangements were made in the village for his burial. When they were taking the dead body for burial, it was found that some bigots were trying to obstruct the burial. Those people had said that if Ahmadi tried to bury this infidel, “there will be bloodshed.” They had to bury him elsewhere.
- Sheikhpura, August 28, 2023: Almost a thousand activists of notorious TLP gathered outside the DPO's office and agitated against the Ahmadiyya mosque. They demanded that the minarets of all the Ahmadiyya mosques in the entire district should be demolished. They had invited leading TLP mulla from nearby districts who informed the crowd of their great achievements in Hafizabad, Gujrat, Jhelum, etc. In the meantime, officials of security agencies kept on visiting the Ahmadiyya mosque off

and on. The crowd dispersed in the evening after giving the ultimatum that if the police do not do the demolition till 11 Rabiul Awwal (late September) they will do it themselves.

- On July 14, 2023, TLP (Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan) arranged a protest rally in Sangla Hill, District Nankana, against the sacrilege of the Holy Quran in Sweden. Therein they delivered anti-Ahmadi speeches also. The next day, an announcement circulated on social media that “Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan PP 131 gives an ultimatum to the authorities to destroy the minarets of the Qadiani worship place by 15th of Muharram, situated on Faisalabad Road, we would otherwise announce our next plan of action” The announcement was made by Qari Tasawwar Hussain, Ameer Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan PP 131.
- On July 14, 2023, Tehreek-e-Labbaiq activists took out a motorcycle rally in Okara. More than 100 men participated in it. At the end of the rally, they assembled at the Press Club where the leaders made provocative speeches. The Amir of the District TLP verbally attacked the administration and asserted that Ahmadis would not be allowed to offer Friday Prayer. “If they surely do not desist, we’ll pull them out,” he said. He also demanded that Ahmadiyya Amir remove the word ‘Muhammad’ from his name, and stop visiting the courts’ premises (as an advocate). “We had announced that Ahmadis would not undertake Qurbani, but they did. In the future, if they practiced any Islamic rites, we shall not complain against them; the TLP itself would take action against them,” he asserted. He indicated with his rod that the TLP would use the rod to make Ahmadis comply.
- A few mulla, accompanied by some bigots, decided to move against an Ahmadiyya mosque located on a personal farm of an Ahmadi elder in Sanghar. They threatened the Ahmadis and the administration in the following words “The authorities should immediately demolish their mosque-like worship place. Otherwise, the enthusiasts of the Prophet would take law in their own hands—we cannot control anyone’s sentiments—whenever there would be a need, these hands would InshAllah (God willing) reach their (Qadianis’) necks.”
- A local TLP leader, Malik Zaheer led a rally in the main market of Tatta Pani. District Kotli, AJK. He gave an ultimatum to authorities to destroy the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Bhabra by December 16. Threatening the authorities, the extremists said that Muslims are with them. They added that people would march to Bhabra, in case the authorities fail to meet their demand, and the authorities would be responsible for any unpleasant incident.
- In Joharabad, District Khushab, a mulla Adnan Qadri demanded that the Qadiani Friday gatherings in every city should be banned. He demanded either his expulsion from the town or the cessation of Qadiani Friday gatherings; otherwise, they threatened to take matters into their own hands. He further stated, "If any disturbance arises in the town or any harm befalls Mirzais thereafter, we shall not be held responsible."

## Civic Discrimination

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- Elections are held in joint electorate in Pakistan, but there are separate voters lists only for Ahmadis. These lists not only make Ahmadis discriminated and isolated, but also make them vulnerable by dis-

closing their identity and residences. This year, in July, the government approved several amendment bills to the constitution, one of them was regarding Elections Act. In this Act, 54 suggestions were taken up but no one dared to amend and restore the electoral rights of Ahmadis, or even suggested this change.

- Ahmadis of Nawan Kot, District Sheikhpura distributed 250 packets of victuals to the needy in the village, including the non-Ahmadis during Ramazan. Religious extremists came to know of this and approached the police, and went around the village withdrawing the packets. The police took charge of all the recovered packets.
- Pious inscriptions removed from three homes of three Ahmadis in Ameer Park, Gujranwala on February 12, 2023.
- Mr. Hafeez Ahmad, an Ahmadi of Nawan Kot Sheikhpura, was unnecessarily troubled by the police to join the investigation at the police station, in the backdrop of a complaint against a non-Ahmadi of his caste.
- A visa company, ORKANS International Education Systems, announced that it does not and will not entertain applications from Ahmadis.
- On January 21, 2023, an Ahmadi woman, Khurshid Begum died in Peru Chak, District Sialkot. The authorities, taking the side of the opponents, denied her burial in the village.
- In July 2023, mulla gathered at the burial of an Ahmadi woman in 78-Janubi, District Sargodha. The authorities denied her burial in the graveyard, and Ahmadis had to bury her in her farmhouse.

## Education

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- Two Ahmadi students, Mr. Hassan Nawaz Khan and his sister of Rambra, District Narowal go to Aspire College Shakar Garh for studies. When their Ahmadiyya identity was discovered, the students highlighted it and turned it into an issue. On September 21, the college students assaulted Mr. Khan; however, he received no serious injury. To avoid escalation, the principal sent him back home before the college closed for the day. He also told their father not to send his children to the college, to avoid any harm to them.
- In October 2023, Mr. Adnan Ahmad was doing B.S. Honors in PST College Kamalia, District Toba Tek Singh. When his religious identity was revealed, other students started to make life difficult for him. The situation became unbearable for the Ahmadi. Mr. Ahmad had to leave the college and take admission elsewhere.
- Two Ahmadi students, Farhan Ahmad and Zeeshan Ahmad, sons of Mr. Abdul Waheed, were expelled from an academy for their faith, in Gulshan Park, Lahore on November 15, 2023.
- In Chak Chatha, District Hafizabad, a non-Ahmadi homeopath alleged that Mr. Saadat Ahmad, an Ahmadi had tried to kill him. The daughter of this homeopath, who was a teacher in a local school,

started harassing the Ahmadi teachers and students. She discriminated Ahmadi students in class and even demanded that the Ahmadi teachers be fired.

- In March 2023, as a result of a social boycott call from anti-Ahmadiyya clerics, two Ahmadi students were expelled from a private school in Bhiri Shah Rehman, District Gujranwala for allegedly insulting Islam. Moreover, Ahmadi students were targeted and harassed during a lecture on Islamiyat in the government school.
- In March 2023, three Ahmadi students at Peshawar Model School faced discrimination and prejudice from the teachers. Mufti Muhammad Imran, a teacher, asked anti-Ahmadi questions in an objective question paper.

## Jobs and businesses

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- On March 25, Mr. Muhammad Rafiq, an Ahmadi stamp-paper seller in judicial complex Kotli was threatened by a mulla to erase his name from his nameplate. He told him that being Qadiani he could not write 'Muhammad' with his name, and threatened him that legal action would be taken against him in case of non-compliance. He shifted his office elsewhere but on September 20, the said mulla tore off the word "Muhammad" from his name and threatening him of violence.
- In February 2023, a Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat office-bearer wrote a letter to authorities against an Ahmadi Mr. Waqas ul Hasan Nathoka, Senior Superintendent of Police Special Protection Unit Lahore, showing concerns about his under-consideration promotion. He termed this promotion of a Qadiani against the interest of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
- In November 2023, Mulla Anjum, a teacher in a local madrassah in Rawalpindi, incited his students and locals against Ahmadis. After this, a student came to the shop of Mr. Adeel Ahmad, an Ahmadi, and shouted the slogans "Qadiani Kafir, Tajdar Khatme Nabuwwat." Later, boycott posters were also put up in the area, and efforts were made to shut down the businesses of Ahmadis and pressurize Ahmadis to leave the area.
- On January 3, the appointment of an Ahmadi doctor, Shafqat Ullah Nasir, as the Additional Principal and Medical Superintendent of District Headquarters Hospital, Sargodha was cancelled under the pressure of a few religious fanatics. Threatening the authorities with a protest-call, Anjuman Tahaffuz-e-Huqooq Shehryan Sargodha demanded his removal from the recent appointment within three days.
- Mirpur Khas, Sindh; November 2023: An Ahmadi teacher in government service, Mr. Saddam Hussain, was appointed last year in Jhuddo. A journalist interviewed the students of the school and asked them the reason for not attending the school. They alleged wrongfully that the Qadiani teacher there stopped them from offering prayers. Mulla then protested against Mr. Hussain's appointment at the school and demanded his transfer. Yielding to the baseless protest, his department called him to Mirpur Khas, the district headquarters.
- Qazi Muhammad Yusuf of Nidhiri Kotli, an Ahmadi, was posted in Government Boys Primary School

at Barmoochgoi Kotli, Azad Kashmir, 6 years ago. A teacher in that school, associated with Tehreek-e-Labbaik, would ask him to delink from the Ahmadiyya Community. On September 30, the said teacher consulted an extremist mulla. Tehreek-e-Labbaik activists also gathered and demanded the expulsion of the Ahmadi teacher. Later, Mr Yusuf was posted on duty in the office of the Assistant Education Officer. Under these circumstances, Mr. Yusuf put up a request for retirement.

- In Naimat Colony, District Faisalabad, police came over to the clinic of Syed Kaleem Ahmad on July 25, 2023. The DSP saw the board and ordered erasure of the word “Syed”. The board was removed as ordered.
- In September 2023, words “Muhammad” and “Ahmad” were blackened from the board of an Ahmadi lawyer’s chamber in Okara.
- In September 2023, an Ahmadi Mr. Kashif Ejaz was pressurized to close down his mobile shop in Joharabad, Khushab, and numerous demands were placed against him, including the denial of entry.
- On February 8, 2023, a non- Ahmadi employee of Mr. Tasleem Ahmad Kashif, an Ahmadi garment-store owner of Kotli, AJK, had turned on the recitation of the Holy Quran on television. The police registered a case against the Ahmadi and arrested him for listening to the recitation, and arrested him.

## Miscellaneous

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- Ahmadis aren’t safe even in prison: Five Ahmadis are incarcerated in Camp Jail, Lahore. They are shouted at and discriminated in the prison.
- The daily Dawn, in its issue of March 6, 2023, reported that the National Curriculum Council had issued no-objection certificates for publishing religious textbooks for students of minority groups. Ahmadis were made an exception.
- During the holy month of Ramazan, Bol TV availed the occasion to task Mr. Faisal Qureshi to host a program on the subject of “Safeguarding the Honor of Prophethood”. Mr. Qureshi invited a number of ulema to this event and prompted them to air comments on their favourite theme — Blasphemy. They openly stressed that those who commit blasphemy ‘must be killed’ (Wajib ul Qatal). The mulla who participated in this program were Hanif Qureshi, Amin Shaheedi, Fazal Subhan, Naveed Abbas, Younus Siddiqui, Muhammad Ali Shah and Mufti Abu Muhammad.
- UK Bar council raised concern over religious issues in Pakistan in a press release on June 17, 2023
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) wrote a letter to the government of Pakistan, it raised concerns about treatment of Ahmadis in Pakistan. ***The daily Dawn; June 3, 2023***
- The daily Dawn reported that Pakistan got 340 suggestions to improve rights situation from UN member states on its fourth periodic report on the human rights situation in the country in February 2023.
- Ms. Fauzia Yazdani, a social and public policy advisor, an HR activist mentioned Ahmadis in a YouTube video on Nayadaur channel. While introducing the issues to be discussed with guest journalists, she

referred to Ahmadis in the following words (translation): **“the Ahmadis – we have perhaps now forgotten to consider them human”**.

- Two American reports painted an unflattering picture where the state of religious freedom in Pakistan is concerned. The US State Department’s 2022 Report on International Religious Freedom’s section on Pakistan presented an extensive list of incidents of religious persecution in the country while the US-CIRF document recommended re-designating Pakistan as a “country of particular concern”. Reacting to the State Department report, the Foreign Office termed it “ill-informed ... irresponsible and counterproductive”, while claiming that Pakistan’s Constitution offers a “robust framework” for religious freedom.

December 31, 2023



# RECOMMENDATIONS

We have been making recommendations to the authorities in the past in this section. The list initially was wholesome, but as little action was taken by powers that be to implement these, it became shorter by the year, and then only two recommendations were made as they were easily doable. However, even these were not accepted, so last year we reverted to a longer list, in which recommendations were made primarily in the order of their doability and facility of implementation. These are repeated this year. Not that we are very hopeful that the new set of authorities will implement these, but one never knows — things change, sometimes suddenly and rapidly. This list useful in implementing what is reasonable, doable, essential, and even urgent. In addition, this will be useful to HR and FoRB activists worldwide to grasp all that is denied to Ahmadi community in Pakistan, marginalized to an unbelievable extent.




- **Direct the police and the administration to desist from backing the mulla in his anti-Ahmadi campaign. Don't defile Ahmadiyya mosques and graves. Culture of impunity over attacks on Ahmadis' persons, human rights and freedom of faith should end.**
- **Stop booking Ahmadis under cyber crime laws, on religious grounds.**
- **Anti-terror laws should not be used against Ahmadis, and their literature should not be termed as hate literature for this purpose.**
- **Return the nationalized Ahmadiyya schools and colleges, in accordance with the Pakistan government's policy applicable to all in this regard.**
- **Ban on the Ahmadiyya daily and monthly periodicals should be lifted.**
- **Lift the ban imposed on publication of books written by the Founder of Ahmadiyyat.**
- **Effectively block anti-Ahmadiyya sectarian hate propaganda.**
- **Invest in education to foster a more inclusive and cohesive society sans bigotry.**
- **Allow UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB and EU Envoy on religious freedom to visit Pakistan and review Human Rights and FoRB situation of Ahmadis.**
- **Comply with all the provisions and obligations of the ICCPR as accepted by Pakistan through its ratification.**
- **Ahmadiyya mosque in Dulmial, locked by authorities in District Chakwal, should be unlocked and made available for worship.**
- **Effectuate genuine Joint Electorate on single list, with no reference to religion.**
- **The ban on publication of Ahmadiyya translations of the Holy Quran should be lifted.**
- **Release all Ahmadis in prison on faith-related accusations.**
- **Withdraw all charges in police cases based on considerations of belief or religion.**
- **Ahmadiyya community should be permitted to hold its traditional annual convention.**
- **Ahmadi women, youth and elders' annual concourses (Ijtema) should be permitted.**
- **The name of Chenab Nagar town should be changed back to Rabwah.**
- **Anti-Ahmadi laws derived from Ordinance XX should be repealed.**
- **Repeal the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution.**
- **Repeal the blasphemy laws; these have no basis in the Quran or Sunnah.**



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## SPECIAL REPORTS



*Some incidents or a group of incidents deserve to be reported in greater detail to convey their true import. These also call for some comment. A few of such cases are selected each year to be placed in this chapter. Their special description helps in better and deeper understanding of what goes on in the field of persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan. This year there were numerous such cases that deserve a place in this chapter, so we have entered three reports this time.*



*Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this includes the freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.*

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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ARTICLE 19)

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*... It is the will of the people of Pakistan to establish an order... wherein shall be guaranteed fundamental rights, including equality of status, of opportunity and before law, social, economic and political justice, and freedom of thought, expression, belief, faith, worship and association, subject to law and public morality.*

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PREAMBLE CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN

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## A. Ahmadis' Freedom to Practice Their Faith Was Severely Curtailed on Eid Al-Adha



Punjab, Islamabad; last week of June 2023: We regret to report blatant and manifest violations of the human rights of Ahmadis concerning the freedom to practice their religion during Eid al-Adha, one of their religious festivals. It is customary for them to perform animal sacrifice (Qurbani) on this occasion. However, the clergy seeks to deny them this practice, arguing that Ahmadis should not partake in rituals shared by 'official' Muslims. The clerics of the notorious Tehreek-e-Labbaik spearheaded this campaign. Regrettably, the authorities in Punjab disregarded the guarantees provided to Ahmadis in the Constitution and instructed the police to restrict Ahmadis' freedom to practice this aspect of their faith. This created a dilemma between Constitutional guarantees and the expediency of authorities, resulting in poor governance. The clergy was content with exacerbating tensions between the government and the Ahmadis.

The persecution faced by Ahmadis did not go unnoticed. The media reported the following headlines:

- 5 FIRs Against Ahmadiyya Community For Sacrificing Animals On Eid<sup>1</sup>
- Harassment of Ahmadis on Eid al-Adha<sup>2</sup>
- Police directed in Punjab to bar Ahmadis from undertaking Qurbani — VOA Urdu<sup>3</sup>

1. <https://voicetk.net/2023/07/5-firs-against-ahmadiyya-community-for-sacrificing-animals-on-eid/>

2. <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/2023/06/22/harassment-of-ahmadis-on-Eid-al-Adha/>

3. <https://d2rvo18ddevvtf.cloudfront.net/a/ahmadiyya>

4. [bbc.com/urdu/articles/C9974518580](https://www.bbc.com/urdu/articles/C9974518580)

5. The daily Dawn; July 4, 2023, <https://www.dawn.com/news/1762962>

6. <https://www.bbc.com/urdu/articles/C9974518580>

- Police took away meat from our fridge. Ahmadis celebrated Eid in fear.<sup>4</sup>
- Another case registered in Punjab against members of Ahmadi community for sacrificing animals on Eid al-Adha<sup>5</sup>

and so on.

While mainstream print media refrained from covering the plight of Ahmadis during their festive day, social media provided a platform for them to express their grievances. Here are a few quotes:

@TahirImran

So far on Eid, Police registered 4 cases against 10 Ahmadis. 6 Ahmadis Imprisoned including 15 year old boy. 8 other Ahmadis detained, without case.

Demonstrations/gatherings of terrorists outside 9 Ahmadi houses. 8 animals stolen from Ahmadi homes. 3 were forced to sell theirs.

2:53 PM · Jul 2, 2023

@SyedShoaib\_ (while quoting a BBC report)

Police took away Qurbani meat from our fridge. My father hid himself, so the police took away his motorcycle. They detained my 13/14-year-old cousin but released him subsequently.<sup>6</sup>

These events did not occur in isolation; they were orchestrated under the directions of the provincial government. The Home Department of the Punjab government issued immediate orders on June 23, 2023, to all Deputy Commissioners with the subject: INSTRUCTIONS FOR EID PRAYER GATHERINGS. Its para 1 c) reads: "Only Muslims shall be allowed to perform Qurbani in accordance with Islamic rites." This directive violated Article 20(a) of the

Constitution, which guarantees every citizen the right to profess, practice, and propagate their religion; and” .....

Certainly, this fundamental and constitutional right cannot be denied under the mere pretext of a subsequent interpretation of the law and the convenience of ‘public order,’ which is primarily the government’s responsibility to maintain in support of the Constitution. The government’s letter is reproduced in Annex IV.

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

The original letter from the DPO and its translation are available in Annex V.

This disgraceful campaign, jointly undertaken by extremist elements of the notorious TLP and the Punjab government, bore bitter fruit in abundance. A large number of Ahmadis, all over the province, felt grievously hurt over this denial of freedom to practice their religious rites. While it is impractical to detail all incidents in this report, we will briefly document only those cases where the police went as far as registering criminal cases or making arrests of innocent individuals. Perhaps never before have so many police cases been registered against Ahmadis in a single month over their religion in this province.

- On June 29, 2023, three Ahmadis from Dharowali, District Nankana Sahib, requested butchers to slaughter their animals. Mulla reported this to the police, prompting an interrogation of the butchers. Subsequently, they contacted the DPO, who arrived at the scene and ordered the registration of a case along with follow-up arrests. The police filed a case against three Ahmadis: Rafique Ahmad, Azam Ali Kalu, and

Nabeel Ahmad, under section PPC 298-C, in FIR No. 462/23 at Shah Kot police station.

- On June 30, 2023, the police arrested and registered FIR No. 508/23 against two Ahmadis Messrs Aftab Ahmad and Javaid Ahmad of Dheroki under PPC 298-C at Sadar police station, Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, for offering sacrifice, thereby allegedly hurting the sentiments of Muslims.
- On June 30, 2023, the police arrested and filed FIR No. 508/23 against two Ahmadis, namely Aftab Ahmad and Javaid Ahmad, from Dheroki, under PPC 298-C at Sadar police station, Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh. The charges stemmed from their act of offering sacrifice, which was alleged to have hurt the sentiments of Muslims.
- On July 1, 2023, the complainant Ghulam Mustafa, a local cleric of TLP, reported to the police that Mr. Tanvir Ahmad, an Ahmadi from Roshanwala, Faisalabad, was sacrificing a calf in the yard of his farmhouse. Consequently, the police registered FIR No. 571/23 against him under PPC 298-C at Roshanwala police station, Faisalabad.
- On July 1, 2023, the police filed FIR No. 1454/23 against three Ahmadis, namely Ghazanfar Ali, Zubair, and Dawood, under sections PPCs 298 and 298-C at Badami Bagh police station in Lahore. The complaint was lodged by Nouman Umar, who dialled the police helpline 15 around 8 pm upon discovering that the accused were performing a sacrifice at their residence in Badar Colony, Badami Bagh, Lahore. Subsequently, the police arrived at the scene and apprehended the three individuals at their residence. They were later remanded to judicial custody and sent to prison.
- On July 3, 2023, bigots lodged a complaint against two Ahmadis, Babar Ahmad and Nishat Ahmad of Kot Agha, District Sialkot, for their participation in a sacrificial ritual. The police, in

response, initiated a case against the duo under PPC 295-A, documented in FIR No. 327/23 at Qila Kalarwala police station. Interestingly, the complainant, Muhammad Ali Muawiyah, does not reside in the village where the accused Ahmadis live. Rather, his maternal grandparents are residents, and they harbor a personal vendetta against the accused stemming from a land dispute. This situation provided them with an opportunity to settle their grudge by exploiting the legal system.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan issued a resolute statement regarding these developments.



Additionally, several miscellaneous yet significant pieces of information deserve inclusion in the record, as follows:

- Anti-Ahmadi activists prepared a template of application to the police to help bigots lodge a police complaint/FIR against Ahmadis who are seen performing any part of the religious rituals of Eid. The template was spread on various social media channels.
- A general message was widely circulated on social media telling people to inform the police on # 15 immediately on seeing an Ahmadi undertaking Qurbani or distributing meat, etc.

- Consequently, at various locations, Khatme Nabuwwat activists approached the police to pre-empt any action by Ahmadis to undertake Qurbani. One such application was forwarded to the SHO Sabz Pir P.S. District Sialkot apparently on behalf of eight villages located within the jurisdiction of the police station.
- At places such applications to the police were moved by activists, although the majority of the locals had no objection to Ahmadis undertaking Qurbani.
- Advocate Ashraf Khan, president of Bar Association Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh offered his legal services for free to prosecute Ahmadis performing the religious rituals of Eid.
- [Dissenttoday.net](https://dissenttoday.net) reported: “At least three houses belonging to members of the Ahmadi community were raided by the police in Faisalabad on Eid al-Adha following complaints by workers of extremist group Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), and the policemen confiscated sacrificial animals present inside the houses”<sup>1</sup>
- The Ahmadi spokesperson rebuffed the Home Department’s directive and termed police actions unlawful and unconstitutional.
- The police in District Sialkot went overboard to appease the Mulla; it registered the Qurbani case against the Ahmadis under the grave PPC 295-A which provides for 10 years in prison, and permits trial in an anti-terrorism court. TLP has thus roughed up the Punjab admin badly and thoroughly.

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

- Liaqat Gujjar tweeted: The space has been con-

<sup>1</sup><https://dissenttoday.net/news/police-raid-ahmadi-houses-in-faisalabad-confiscate-sacrificial-goats/>

stricted for the traitors of the End of Prophet-hood. 1200 companions of the Holy Prophet sacrificed their lives as an example and admonished future generations to not take this mission lightly (sic). The Mujahideen of Labbaik are in the field. Qadianis are not allowed to perform Islamic rituals. That's it. Period.

- Mulla Ghulam Murtaza organized a sit-in at police station Daska and sent a message: All the members are requested to come here and join us; we will not leave till we get an FIR registered against Mirzais. ... We will nab every Mirzai from the ends of the earth who performs Islamic rites.
- A TLP top bigot is seen saying in a video: (Police) SHOs have assured us that no Qadiani will offer Eid prayer inside their place of worship nor will perform Qurbani inside or outside these places. If they do so inside, their women will (be considered) complicit in the crime under (PPCs) 298-B and 298-C, and if they do outside, 298-B and 298-C will apply.

Pakistan is firmly in the grip of religious bigots these days, and the culprits are not mulla and the authorities only; the civil society generally supports the rhetoric and intolerance of the dogmatist. In this, unbelievably, bar associations take the lead. Letters written by Lahore, Islamabad, and Sargodha bar associations to authorities demanding the denial of the Qurbani rite to Ahmadis are mentioned in another story in this report. No wonder, someone on social media called these bar associations “Legal Wing of Tehreek-e-Labbaik.”

*The Friday Times* produced a very apt op-ed on this issue on June 27, 2023<sup>1</sup>; we reproduce below only two extracts from it:

“At every universal periodic review, Pakistan gets lambasted for the woeful treatment of religious minorities, especially Ahmadis. Ultimately several of

the economic incentives Pakistan enjoys — such as GSP+ are linked directly to the ICCPR. There is economic cost to persecuting minority communities at home. The world is taking note.’

‘In the meanwhile, we are stuck with small minds in bar associations and police services, who are bending over backward to appease religious bigots and extremists of all hues...’

The consequences of these actions were evident to all. Both the BBC and VOA issued reports detailing these incidents. While Punjab authorities may have temporarily avoided inconvenience at the hands of the Mulla, they will certainly not receive praise for their long-term service to the country. Their decision only exacerbated the state of affairs in Punjab. Currently, Punjab is governed by Mr. Mohsin Naqvi, the Caretaker CM, while Mr. Shehbaz Sharif oversees the federation as the Prime Minister.

In its editorial on July 3, 2023<sup>2</sup>, *The Daily Nation* forthrightly condemned the mistreatment of Ahmadis during the Eid festival, leaving no room for ambiguity, and concluded: “It is important to remember that such bigoted behavior towards our minorities paints the entire nation in poor colour, labelling us as intolerant, dogmatic and rigid.”

The Ahmadiyya headquarters found it imperative to issue a press release detailing the atrocities faced by Ahmadis during their festive Eid al-Adha. The release aimed to shed light on the systematic denial of their religious rights, including the freedom to practice Qurbani, amidst growing persecution and harassment orchestrated by extremist elements and tacitly endorsed by local authorities. It served as a call to action, urging both domestic and international attention to address the escalating violations of human rights against the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan.

We reproduce the same below (translated from Urdu):

1. <https://thefridaytimes.com/27-jun-2023/harassment-of-ahmadis-on-Eid-al-Adha>  
2. <https://www.nation.com.pk/03-jul-2023/persecution>

**Press Release by the Ahmadiyya Head Office**

**Stopping Ahmadis from practicing their faith is a gross human rights violation.**

**Frivolous cases were registered against Ahmadis; one was accused of blasphemy.**

**The members of the Ahmadiyya community cannot even practice their faith within the 4 walls of their homes — a gross violation of the Supreme Court's ruling.**

Chenab Nagar (PR): The incidents of forcibly stopping Ahmadis to sacrifice animals on the auspicious occasion of Eid al-Adha increased manifold this year. Across Pakistan, vigilantes marked houses of Ahmadiyya community members and the police were right by their side supporting and aiding their efforts. Without any legal authority, these vigilantes attacked Ahmadis' houses, trespassed the premises of various homes, broke into properties, and threatened and manhandled many members. This atrocity did not end there as the police at the behest of these vigilantes registered frivolous cases against members of the Ahmadiyya community. The majority of Ahmadis were deprived to offer the Eid al-Adha prayer as well. These actions by the police and vigilantes were a contravention of the fundamental rights under Article 20 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Such acts were also in violation and utter disregard of the Supreme Court ruling (in the year 2022) in the case Cr1.P.916-L/2021, dated 12th Jan 2021, passed by Honorable Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah and Mr. Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan. The Supreme Court, in the said judgment, categorically declared that Ahmadis are allowed to practice their faith freely within the four walls. Regardless of this clear order from the Supreme Court, the police appeased the vigilantes instead of protecting the rights of persecuted Ahmadiyya community.

- 23 applications and complaints were submitted in various police stations to stop Ahmadis from slaughtering animals.
- To appease the extremist vigilantes, the Punjab Police harassed Ahmadis at 89 places and urged them to not slaughter the sacrificial animals.
- At 4 places, Ahmadis were barred from offering Eid prayer.
- There were 28 surety bonds that Ahmadis were forced to submit.
- A police inspector in Gujrat publicly announced through the loud-speaker of a mosque that it is essential to become a Muslim before slaughtering an animal, directly validating the position of extremist vigilantes.
- 13 Ahmadis have been booked in 6 cases, whereas 7 Ahmadis are arrested in various districts.
- 10 animals were illegally taken into custody by the police.
- 5 Ahmadi houses were illegally searched by the police, breaching their fundamental right to privacy of home, and the meat was illegally taken into possession by the police.
- On 11 occasions, Ahmadis were harassed and intimidated by the miscreants.

The spokesman of the Ahmadiyya Community said that these gross violations of the human rights of Ahmadis were committed by the extremist vigilantes, with the backing of state functionaries including police. This is happening in the sacred name of religion, in contrast to what the government of Pakistan states internationally. On one side the government is silent on these atrocities at home and on the other hand the same government is concerned about similar events of persecution in other countries. We demand that all these baseless and frivolous cases against Ahmadis must be dismissed immediately, and all the innocent Ahmadis be released without delay. Moreover, all the measures should be taken to uphold the right of freedom of religion of Ahmadis.

END



The ongoing atrocities committed against Ahmadis by certain state officials and the mulla were the result of a hate campaign run by the TLP and the like.

Even the civil society noticed it and the fair press took note of it and made editorial comments.

Also very relevant is the important statement tweeted by a state body, the National Commission for Human Rights; it is reproduced below:



Various media outlets reported this story of Qurbani and made comments. A readable report was rendered by Mr. Zia ur Rahman from Lahore<sup>2</sup>. In this, he mentions the following important opposite opinion (our translation of Urdu original):

### State laws apply to everyone

Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, Chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Inter-Religious Harmony, says that he agrees with granting civil rights to all minorities, including Ahmadis, according to the Constitution and law of Pakistan. But all minorities should respect the Constitution and laws of the state of Pakistan.

Talking to the Voice of America, he said that all the countries of the world have laws and a Constitution; in the same way, Pakistan also has laws and a Constitution. This Constitution is not only that of Pakistan, it is the Constitution of Islam that those who deny the End of Prophethood are not Muslim.

Allama Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi said that as far as the issue of Qurbani and places of worship of the Ahmadi community is concerned, the Constitution of Pakistan says that such persons or groups should not use the name of Islam. Such people cheat by using Islamic rituals (Shaair), so action is taken against them.

He further said that Qurbani is an Islamic ritual and as far as the Qurbani by the Ahmadiyya community is concerned, they may perform the Qurbani ten days before or ten days after Eid al-Adha, to that no one would object.

**Our comment:** Ahmadis in Pakistan accord due respect to the Constitution and laws of Pakistan, and concede that as per the Constitution and laws of the country, they are non-Muslim; however, they are not obligated to agree with this imposed identity. The Constitution itself outlines procedures for amendment, demonstrating that citizens are bound by its provisions but retain the right to challenge and advocate for changes to aspects they disagree with.

1. <https://x.com/nchrofficial/status/16276832704226004864?s=20>

2. <https://d2rxu8ddenvyf.cloudfront.net/a/ahmadi-community-reservations-over-eid-rituals-14jul2023/7180872.html>

## B. Yet Another Agreement With Tehreek-E-Labbaik

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

**August 2014:** Mulla Khadim Hussain Rizvi founded the party, Tehreek-e-Labbaik Ya Rasulallah — later changed into Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP).

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

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

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

**June 2018:** Rizvi spoke at a Khatme Nabuwat conference, "The day Islam comes to power, there will be one decision regarding Mirzais (Ahmadis). Either recite the Kalima (become a Muslim) or accept death. There will be nothing else other than this...."

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

**Year's end 2018:** Pir Afzal Qadri spoke the unspeakable in the presence of Khadim Rizvi, against the Supreme Court, the Army, and the government. He declared three SC judges Wajib ul Qatal and urged their guards to kill them. Speaking against the COAS, "All generals who are Muslim are responsible to rebel against these generals." The two mulla were then booked for sedition and arrested but were released on bail by the LHC.

**2020:** TLP takes the lead in attacks on Ahmadiyya



mosques and graves, and persists in this as a matter of policy. The authorities join in.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

inflation.

70 kilometers from Islamabad.

**June 18, 2023:** The federal government entered into an agreement with the notorious extreme rightwing politico-religious party Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) after its protesters had reached Sarai Alamgir,

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

The daily Dawn published the deal in its issue of June 18, 2023<sup>1</sup>. We produce below some extracts:

### **TLP ends protest after 12-point deal with Govt..**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The agreement also mentioned that petrol and diesel prices will be reduced on June 30 and July 15. The government will consider reduced oil prices in the international market, the arrival of cheap Russian oil, and improved value of rupees against the US dollar to pass on the relief to consumers.

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

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dawn.com/news/1260401>

## C. Sectarian, Hate-Promoting, Offensive Conference In Chenab Nagar

**Rabwah, 26, 27 October 2023:** Aalmi Majlis Tahafuz Khatm-e-Nabuwwat (AMTKN) held a two-day conference here, on the theme of End of Prophet-hood (KN) in Muslim Colony on the outskirts of this Ahmadiyya central town in Pakistan. It has become a major annual event, although there is no reason that it should be held in a town where 95% of the population is Ahmadi.

Most of the mulla who addressed the crowd in various sessions indulged in extensive anti-Ahmadi slander, vilification, lies, false accusations, and hate-promotion — even violent extremism. They conveniently attributed false and fabricated accusations to Ahmadis, and, based on these, condemned Ahmadis, agitated the participants, passed resolutions, and made demands on the authorities to persecute Ahmadis. We quote below briefly some of their statements and provide essential information on the five sessions of this conference.

### First Session

It started at 10:15 on October 26 and ended at 13:00. Approximately 4500 participated. It was presided over by Maulvi Ghulam Rasul Dinpuri, the lo-

cal Khatib in the Muslim Colony. Following mulla, inter alia, addressed this session:

- Maulvi Ehsanullah of Sargodha stated that Qadianis (Ahmadis) deny Islam and are outside the pale of Islam. They are traitors to Islam and Pakistan and are hypocrites who commit robbery (dakah zani).
- Maulvi Muhammad Ahmad of Quetta observed that Muslims can sit in the company of scorpions and snakes, with anyone, but not with those who are insolent (gustakh) to the Prophet. We invite Qadianis to Islam. We swear to fight this Mischief (fitna).
- Maulvi Ziaullah from Lakki Marwat said that Qadianis had penetrated various sections of the society. We have to make them flee (bhagana hai). We made Mirza Nasir flee from the National Assembly. The present Qadiani chief also resides in London. Before 1974, there were many Qadiani generals in the army. We made them flee through an Amendment in the Constitution....
- Qari Anwar Ansar of Sialkot said that now Qa-



dianis can do nothing that Muslims do — for instance, they cannot undertake ritual sacrifice of animals.

- Maulvi Farooq observed that Qadianis were multiplying fast during the British Raj; our seniors have put a stop to that. Qadianis are enemies of Islam (dushman).
- Maulvi Ibrahim, finance secretary of AMTKN in KPK said that they will pursue Qadianis till the last breath and will guard the Khatme Nabuwat.
- Maulvi Saifur Rahman of Faisalabad declared that the war against Qadianiat would go on forever.

### Second Session

This went on from 14:00 to 16:15 and was presided over by Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman Sani of Lahore. Approximately 6500 men attended. A few speakers are mentioned below:

- Dr. Abdul Wahid of Lahore told the audience to avail of social media to spread the message of the End of Prophethood.
- Qari Jameel Ahmad of Sukkur called the Founder of Ahmadiyya, Dajjal Azam (the great anti-Christ).
- Maulvi Abdul Qayyum Haqqani indulged in international politics. He declared that Israel was an enemy of Islam; it is therefore bombing Palestine. The US should remember that the way they got humiliated and humbled in Afghanistan (zaleel aur ruswa), Israel and other state powers will meet the same fate in Palestine.
- Maulvi Zakauallah of Sahiwal observed that Khalifa Abu Bakar's army confronted Musailma; similarly, the Mujahideen are fighting the modern hypocrites. We shall crush (surkobi) our opponents.
- Maulvi Khalil Ahmad of Faisalabad said that in

earlier times it was Musailma the liar, present day Musailma is Mirza Qadiani of Punjab — our drive is against him; we shall spare no sacrifice to safeguard the End of Prophethood. (*This mulla knows that Musailma had risen in armed revolt against the Islamic state and was poised to attack Madinah, while Mirza Sahib of Qadian, nor his community, have taken up arms against any government.*) The comparison is absurd.

- Mufti Maaz, Amir KN, District Chakwal stated that Pakistani rulers are so ignorant that Qadianis cannot remain alive under the Islamic Sharia (his version).
- Maulvi Amjad Khan asked the audience to note the finale of the US; whoever took on Islam, his end was bad. This happened to Russia as well; soon you would see the fate of India and Israel, he said.

### Third Session

This session started at 20:00 same day, October 26, 2023, and lasted till 02:30. Maulvi Khawaja Khalid of Khanqah Sirajia presided over it. Attendance was approximately 14000. Following speakers addressed the crowd; they stated, inter alia:

- Maulvi Abdullah Gill spoke on Israel's atrocities. Israel should behave otherwise every home will produce a Saifullah (sword of Allah) ... Qadianiat is ill-fated (nahusat); it has no place in our Muslim society (muashirah), he said.
- Mulla M Atif of Sargodha insisted that Qadianis cannot be permitted to build worship places resembling a mosque.
- Khawaja Mudassar Mahmud of Taunsa Sharif, DG Khan affirmed that their lives were a sacrifice for the dogma of KN. We'll pull out the hazy eyes (meli aankh) looking at End of Prophethood, he threatened.

- Maulvi Muhammad Ayub described Qadianiat as cancer, which is hurting Muslims gradually. Qadiani worship places should be removed (khatam ki jaen), he demanded. He asked the government to play an active role in support of Palestine.
- Maulvi Zubair Ashraf of Karachi observed that the different interpretations of the End of Prophethood belief by Qadianis push them into the circle of disbelief (kufr). Mirza Qadiani was more dangerous to Muslims as compared to other liars and false prophets, he said.
- Ziaullah Shah Bokhari (Amir Ahle Hadith, Pakistan) offered his neck in defence of the high status of End of Prophethood. He volunteered to be the first volunteer if Jihad was declared in Palestine.
- Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti told the audience that his father was of the view that if two fish fought each other deep in the ocean, it would be due to a Qadiani conspiracy. He led anti-Ahmadi slogans in his speech.
- Siraj ul Haq, Amir Jamaat Islami expressed the view that there were two great mischiefs (fitna) in the world – Judaism and Qadianism. Both are supported by the US and UK. It is treason (ghaddari) to both Pakistan and Islam to let Qadianiat flourish.... We should volunteer for Jihad these days; Palestine's Muslims are calling us for help; they need your help, he told the crowd.
- Syed Abdul Khabeer Azad of Lahore expressed his view that Islam will remain (baqaa) only if Qadianiat is destroyed. Qadianis are enemies of Islam; they are helping Israel in the present war, and they're lackeys of the British.
- Maulvi Noor Muhammad Hazarvi of Sargodha opined that Qadianis are the Mother of all Evils (Ummul Khabais) for Pakistan and Islam. We should come out in Jihad in support of Palestinian Muslims, he said.
- Maulvi Yahya Ludhianwi said that Pak authorities (idarey) have failed to control Qadianis who are (merely) a minority. The government of Pakistan should declare Jihad in support of Muslims in Palestine.

#### Fourth session

This session started at 10:30 on October 27 under the chairmanship of Maulvi Naseer ud Din Khakwani, the Amir of AMTKN, Pakistan. He is based in Multan. Attendance reached the peak at 15000. We mention some of the mulla who spoke in this session and quote briefly what they said, inter alia:

- Maulvi Anwar ul Haq of Quetta told the crowd that Qadianis worked to reduce the love and obedience for the Holy Prophet in Muslims' hearts. He fabricated the lie that Mirza Qadiani declared Qadian to be holier than Madinah. The Mirza was opposed to Jihad, although the Jihad in Afghanistan defeated the world satanic powers and thus proved Qadiani beliefs to be false.
- Maulvi Hamza Luqman of Bhera asserted that Qadianis are liars and are so filthy (ghaleez) that they are hell-bound. He fabricated the belief that all Prophets (124, 000, according to the general belief of Muslims) had performed pilgrimage (Hajj) of the House of God (in Makkah)... while Mirza Qadiani was deprived of a visit to Makkah and Madinah.
- Maulvi Khalid Abid of Sargodha disclosed to the audience falsely, that the Pakistani PM on his recent return from the US had stated that IMF offered to Pakistan to remit all loans if Qadianis were protected. If that happens we'll launch a movement to dispatch (khatama) Qadianis, he threatened.
- Mufti Rashid Madni said that thanks to MTKN there is not a single Qadiani worship place in Balochistan where they can worship. Similarly, Qadianis were disgraced in Afghanistan; they

were kicked out of Kashmir... Mirza Qadiani's grandson wanted to occupy the President's chair but the moths of KN denied it to him. Qadianis are part of the Israeli army, the Israeli end is near, and so is that of Qadianis, he said.

- Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai of Peshawar asserted that as Mirza Qadiani denied the End of Prophethood, so he was Kafir and Murtad (apostate), so are his followers, he gave the fatwa (verdict).

### Fifth Session

The fourth session ended at about 1300, followed by a break for a meal and Friday prayer. It seems that some of the participants had enough dose of hate propaganda, so they decided to leave after the break and head homeward. The number of participants thus reduced to approximately 10,000. Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman of Kundian presided over this session.

We mention here only two of the speakers. Maulvi Altafur Rahman of Multan repeated the fabricated

Extracts from the Resolutions approved in this conference (paraphrased):

- This conference demands that all the accused in the police case FIR 661/22 should be arrested for corrupted translation of the Holy Quran and Hadith in compliance with LHC order of 3.6.2019. (Note: This demand is aimed against the senior Ahmadi leadership in a fabricated case. Ahmadis do not print any translation of the Holy Quran, let alone a corrupted one).
- This conference requests NGOs and LEAs to take notice of the tyranny imposed by the Qadiani Jamaat on its members in violation of human rights (Ridiculous. Editor)
- We demand that a law be promulgated to award state jobs on quota based on population of Muslim and non-Muslim citizens (Whither national unity!). Those applying for jobs as Muslims must be told to sign an affidavit of End of Prophethood (Pakistan should remain four centuries behind Europe).



allegation that Qadianis were planted by the British. Maulvi Ejaz Mustafa of Karachi presented the draft resolutions which were approved by the participants. Thus came to end another routine conference which was openly sectarian, divisive, hateful, and violative of the law and civilizational norms. We produce below a few extracts from the various resolutions passed, in support of this observation.

- The participants demand that, as per the anti-Ahmadi Ordinance, Qadiani worship places and centers be cleansed of the Kalima Tayyaba, Quranic verses, and other Islamic terms. (This is not found in the Ordinance. Ed.)
- The conference demands that as per the recommendation of the Council of Islamic Ideol-

- ogy, the Shariah penalty of apostasy should be implemented. (The mulla mean the penalty of Death. This must be perhaps the most bigoted and vicious demand in the whole world in the 21st century.)
- Authorities should take notice of Qadianis' high-handedness and their harassment of Muslims in Rabwah in the name of security. (Thousands of non-Ahmadi living in the suburbs of Rabwah benefit from trade and services in Rabwah and would condemn these mulla of AMTKN for making demands hurtful for fellow Muslims.)
  - We demand that like other armed groups, Qadianis' armed group Khuddamul Ahmadiyya be banned. (This auxiliary organization of Ahmadi youth is simply like other such organizations — of Ahmadi elders, women, and children. Ahmadis preach no violent extremism, as these mulla do.)
  - This great conference is grateful to Allah and thanks all the invitees, delegates, participants, district administration, and workers of the municipal council for joining, cooperation, and advice. (No comments)
  - We demand that the government should provide relief to the poor people by lowering the prices of petroleum products and activating price control communities to reduce the prices of daily use items like flour, oil, sugar, and Dals (lentils). (A good demand, but what does this have to do with the End of Prophethood? The Mulla is merely acting public savvy.)
  - AMTKN conference fully condemns the tyrant Israel in extermination (Nasal Kushi) of Palestinians through barbaric bombing.... (It is rather amazing that these mulla propose and demand doing the same to Ahmadis in Pakistan — refer to the mulla' statements quoted above. Ed.)
  - The content cited in this report should be meticulously documented with relevant authorities and intelligence agencies. These diatribes flagrantly violate national law PPC 153A, indicating that nearly all of these clerics are legally accountable for openly inciting hatred and promoting violent extremism.
  - Do the proceedings of this conference not warrant the prohibition of such gatherings, not only in Rabwah but also in other locations?
  - What is the justification of the mulla of AMTKN to hold this conference in Rabwah where the non-Ahmadiyya population is less than five percent? It is simple and pure provocation. It suggests and promotes extremism — indeed terrorism. The state should act, before these so-called Mujahideen of Khatm-e-Nabuwat precipitate another APS (Terrorist attack on the Army Public School), Lal Masjid Islamabad, Lahore mosques of 2010, lawless FATA and Swat of earlier years, Sri Lankan Diyawadana, or the recent Jaranwala incident.
  - Weeks ago, the Ahmadiyya office had written to all relevant authorities opposing permission to hold this conference, providing ample reasons. Now, wouldn't it be prudent to thoroughly investigate the recorded proceedings and make a judicious decision for the future, to prevent the facilitation of such hateful conferences tarnishing the noble name of Islam, which this republic should rightly uphold with pride?
  - Fifteen thousand participants, mostly transported from outside, were accommodated and fed for two days, with dozens of leading mulla invited from far-flung areas. The auxiliary expenses alone would amount to tens of millions of rupees. Who provides these funds? Certainly not the participants. This money indirectly supports and facilitates the education and motivation of violent extremism, which could easily escalate into terrorism. Does the state truly condone such activities?

#### **A few concise remarks**





- The role of the press is crucial. On October 27, 2023, the daily *Dunya* printed a two-column news piece on its front page with the headline: **“600 Qadianis in the Israeli army are bombing Palestine: Khatme Nabuwwat conference....”** It is evident that the editorial staff of *Dunya* knows this statement is entirely false. Isn't it the responsibility of the vernacular press to scrutinize the statements of sectarian bigots before disseminating them? Such statements do not provide information; instead, they mislead the public with falsehoods and disinformation, causing harm to society at large.
- On October 26, 2023, the RPO of the Faisalabad Region issued a Threat Alert to the DPOs of three districts - Chiniot, Toba Tek Singh, and Jhang - directing them to ensure the security of Ahmadi worship places and offices. He advised Ahmadis to take precautions to ensure their own safety. In response, the DC and DPO of Chiniot visited Rabwah to inspect security arrangements, which was commendable.
- Ahmadis took various self-defence measures, including implementing mobile security and guarding their worship places. Additionally, the Ahmadiyya central office instructed all district Presidents to ensure that members of the community across Pakistan arrange special scouting during ritual prayer timings, especially during Friday prayers.

#### Conclusion:

In the national interest, we urge the authorities to re-read the texts of National Action Plan of 2014/2015<sup>1</sup>, Supreme Court CJ Jilani's verdict in 2014 concerning worship places of minorities<sup>2</sup>, Paigham-e-Pakistan<sup>3</sup> 2018 (Code of Conduct), and the Apex Committee's recent decision. Non-implementation of these well-considered recommendations will only worsen the internal security situation, and then adversely affect the external security environment.

[Note: The Chief Justice of Pakistan recently observed with concern: It seems the state is waiting for a new catastrophe.]<sup>4</sup>

1. <https://nacta.gov.pk/laws-policies/nap-2014/>

2. <https://www.refworld.org/jurisprudence/caselaw/paksci/2014/en/105075>

3. <https://gwis.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/Paigham-e-Pakistan.pdf>

4. *The daily Dunya*; November 2, 2023

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## MURDERS IN THE NAME OF FAITH ASSAULTS & ATTEMPTS

*Ahmadis have been murdered in greater numbers for their faith since the promulgation of Ordinance XX. Till now hundreds have been killed, and in vast majority of cases the culprits were not held accountable. People are told by mulla that Ahmadis are Wajib ul Qatal 'must be killed'. All this encourages criminals to attempt murder.*

*These murders are prompted by the organized hate campaign that goes on openly all the time. The instigators are well-known to authorities. But the laissez faire attitude to Ahmadi killings encourages the death squads to persist in their evil instigation, planning and implementation. Mulla play a significant role in perpetuating hate speech and advocating for the killing of Ahmadis, a belief that has deeply influenced the younger generation. This year, a young man tragically took the life of a Norwegian Ahmadi of Pakistani descent who had returned to Pakistan to contribute to healthcare in his community, before taking his own lives. Numerous other attacks resulted in injuries, although not fatal.*



*No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have a religion or belief of his choice.*

*No one shall be subject to discrimination by any state, institution, group of persons, or person on the grounds of religion or other belief.*

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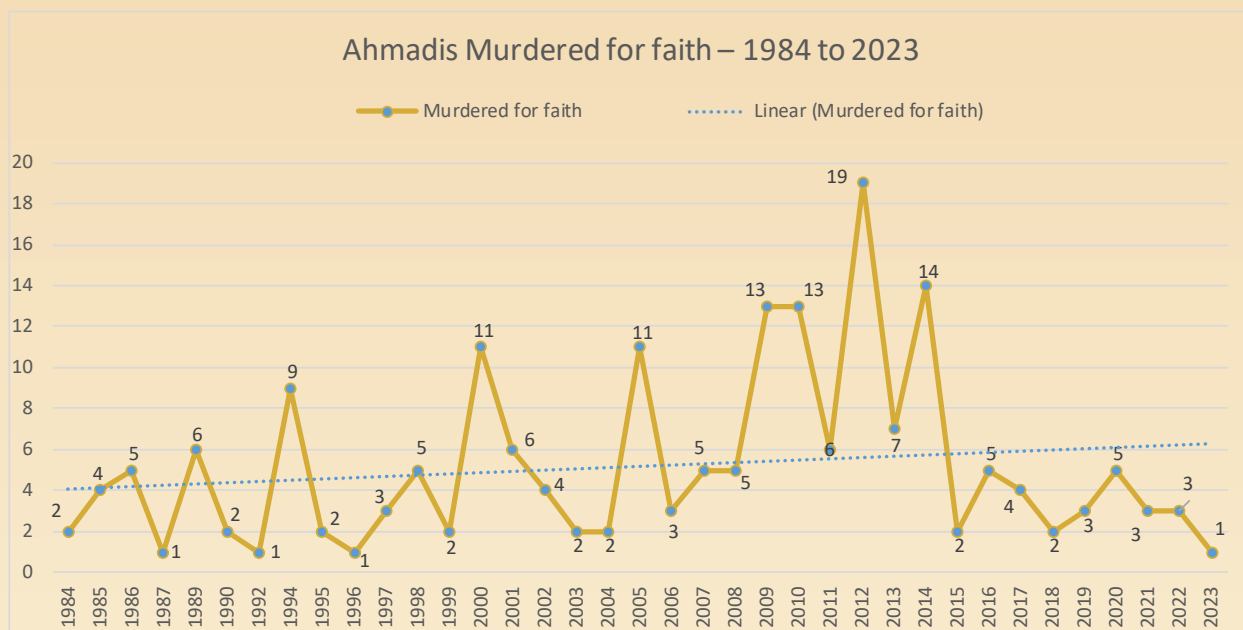
UN DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE AND OF DISCRIMINATION  
BASED ON RELIGION OR BELIEF - ARTICLE 1(2) AND 2(1)

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## Ahmadis have been murdered since 1984



- The chart does not include 86 Ahmadis who lost their lives in 2010 during the attack on two Ahmadiyya Mosques in Lahore. 124 Ahmadis were injured in that incident.
- In addition to these 478 Ahmadis survived attempts for murder
- A clear rise (linear) in the faith based murders of Ahmadis can be seen. Currently at 7.315 per year, including martyrs of Lahore incident 2010.

## COLD-BLOODED MURDER OF AN AHMADI HOMEOPATH

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**Goteriala, Gujrat; February 19, 2023:** An Ahmadi homeopath, Dr. Muhammad Rasheed, who had Norwegian nationality as well, in his 70s, was shot dead by assassins in his clinic which was adjacent to his residence in his ancestral village Goteriala, District Gujrat, Punjab.

The reports indicate that Dr. Rasheed was in his clinic when two young assailants posing as patients entered the building and opened fire at him. Succumbing to the injuries of the vicious assault, he died on the spot.

The deceased's wife, Ms. Parveen Akhtar, saw in a dream earlier that her husband was being attacked and someone was trying to take his life. She

later asked him to remain vigilant. He had often exclaimed that he was well aware of the opposition to Ahmadis and their persecution in Pakistan, but the poor people here have few medical facilities and no one to care for them. The true humanitarian sense of altruism, a prevailing aspect of his personality, inspired him to serve the underprivileged, but it unfortunately resulted in his brutal murder.

Despite having Norwegian citizenship, he preferred living alone in his ancestral village and serving the poor rather than living abroad with his family. Patients have the least interest in the religious belief of their doctor. However, religious fanaticism has caused a great loss to the Pakistani society. It was no surprise that a large number of people, as also from surrounding villages extended condolences to the doctor's bereaved family. He has left behind a widow, two sons and five daughters as mourners.

The two assailants were young men who had no personal vendetta with the doctor. It is most likely that they were misguided by some religious fanatic to commit this atrocity. One of the attackers, Hafiz Inam, an anti-Ahmadi goon, was later found dead in the vicinity. Police arrested another, named Babar, for questioning.

## ELDERLY AHMADI LAWYER BEATEN UP IN KARACHI

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**Karachi; April 27, 2023:** In a shocking turn of events, Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, Ahmadi, a 77-year-old senior advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, was

attacked and beaten up along his associate by a bunch of bigots, while present in Karachi City Court on April 27, 2023. For details, please see Chapter 3.

## AHMADI LAWYER SEVERELY INJURED IN ATTACK WITH CLEAVER

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**Lalian, District Chiniot; April 13, 2023:** One, Zubair Anwar, attacked an Ahmadi lawyer Mr. Amir Munir in his chamber with a cleaver, in Lalian, District Chiniot. He received head injuries and was rushed to the hospital where he received medical treatment.

The police arrested the attacker. The attacker has a violent record towards Ahmadis.

The town of Lalian is located only 12 kilometers west of Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya headquarters

town. The victim, Malik Munir, is a known community worker, and as an advocate, defends Ahmadis

accused in religion-based cases, in local courts.

## AHMADI MAN ATTACKED AND TORTURED BY ARMED MISCREANTS

**Bhulair, District Kasur; June 4-5, 2023:** On June 3, 2023, Mr. Waqas Ahmad, Ahmadi, was on his way to visit his relatives when armed miscreants intercepted and detained him. They tortured him as well. When his family and friends came to know, they immediately reached the spot to help him. Mr. Waqas managed to escape. Ahmadis went to the police

station to complain. Instead of legal and moral support, the police took the Ahmadis into custody and registered a case under FIR No. 588 under PPCs 324, 149, and 148 in Police Station Phool Nagar, District Kasur. The police booked twelve, detained eight and, after investigation, released all except one. For details, please see Chapter 3.

## AHMADI STUDENT ASSAULTED

**Rambra, District Narowal; September 21, 2023:** Mr. Hassan Nawaz Khan and his sister of Rambra, District Narowal used to go to Aspire College Shakar Garh for studies. When their Ahmadiyya religious

identity was discovered, the college students attacked and assaulted Mr. Hassan; however, he received no serious injury. For details, please see Chapter 6.

## AHMADIS BEATEN UP DURING AN ATTACK ON MOSQUE

**Karachi; September 4, 2023:** A mob stormed the Ahmadiyya Hall in Karachi, a worship place, for the second time this year on September 4, and demolished its minarets. The mob also vandalized the

place of worship apart from the destruction of the minarets and beat up innocent Ahmadis inside the worship place. For details, please see Chapter 4.

## ARMED ATTACK ON AHMADIYYA PRAYER CENTER

**Satellite Town, Mirpur Khas, Sindh; February 4, 2023:** Around 8:30 PM, someone opened fire at the Ahmadiyya prayer center in Satellite Town, a neighborhood of Mirpur Khas. The bullets hit the main door and the wall.

At the time of the incident, local Ahmadis includ-

ing the president of the local Ahmadiyya Community were present in the building. Thanks to Allah Almighty that all of them remained safe in the violent attack. One police constable came over to guard the premises, soon after the horrible attack. Ahmadis requested the police to register a case.

## IMPRISONMENTS AND PROSECUTION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

*Ahmadis continue to be booked, arrested and sentenced to imprisonment under anti-Ahmadi laws, blasphemy laws and other laws just because of their faith. Anti-Ahmadi laws are agitated with malafide intentions. Most serious penal sections are applied in FIRs with little justification. Bails are often denied, now even in Supreme Court and higher courts. Imprisonment sentences are doled out by the judges. This year 133 Ahmadis were booked. Following stories provide essential details.*



*Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship observance.*

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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ARTICLE 18)

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*Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.*

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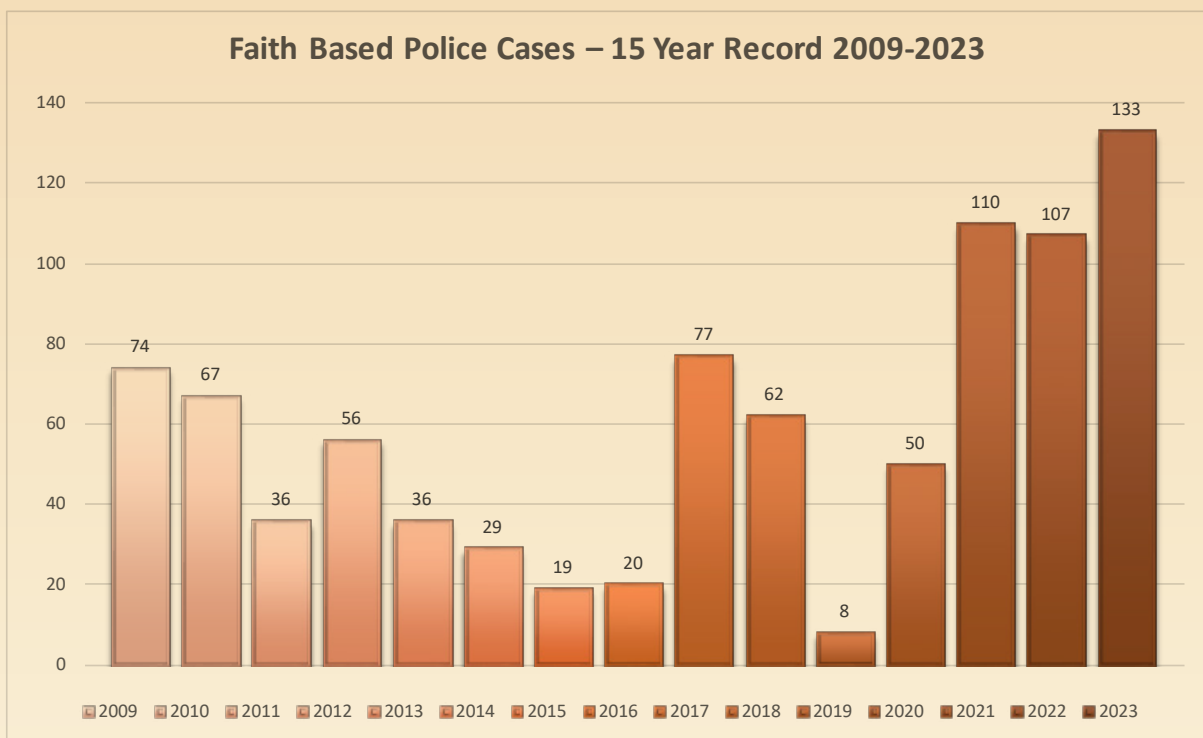
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There has been a significant increase in Ahmadis booked under faith-based cases over the past four years, with the current number of cases standing at **400**. This figure is almost equivalent to the cumulative number of cases recorded in the preceding ten years.



- 133 Ahmadis were booked by the police this year, and 27 were arrested.
- At the end of this year, 6 Ahmadis remain in prison for their faith
- Five Ahmadis have been in prison since 2020 and were denied bail, even by the Supreme Court. Another Ahmadi senior official was arrested in Jan 2023. He is still behind bars as his bail plea was rejected by the High Court.

## AHMADIYYA TOP LEADERSHIP BOOKED UNDER BLASPHEMY CLAUSE — ONE ARRESTED

**Rabwah; January 2023:** A criminal case was registered in Chenab Nagar police station on December 6, 2022, under the blasphemy law PPC 295-B, the anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C and the The Punjab Holy Quran (Printing and Recording) Act 2011 against Mr. Sani and a few others on pretext of the distribution of alleged corrupted translation of the Holy Quran. The prime mover of the case was the notorious Hassan Muawiyah, brother of Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Religious.

The accusation was malafide, fabricated, and baseless. The penal code applied allows imprisonment for life. Mr. Sani whose full-time job is to educate and train his students in memorizing the Holy Quran was ironically arrested for defiling the Holy Quran on January 7, 2023. He was sent to Jhang Jail after judicial remand and then transferred to District Jail Faisalabad on February 20, 2023. He is currently incarcerated in a prison in Faisalabad, for almost a year.

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

While his bail application was under process in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Lalian, District Chiniot, the opponents demanded that the case be transferred to the anti-terrorism court. Their demand was malicious. The court consulted the Prosecution Department and Investigation Board Chiniot, surprisingly added anti-terrorism sections and transferred the case to Anti-Terrorism Court, Faisalabad in February 2023.

ASJ Lalian rejected the plea for bail of Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani on June 10. The judge rejected his plea despite the circumstances of the case, the unjustifiable registration of the case, the inappropriate penal code applied, and the fact that he has already suffered over five months in prison. Also relevant is the fact that judges of high courts and the Supreme Court have granted bails to a large number of accused who are facing very serious charges, for sedition and violent conduct, etc. under official allegations.



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

**City: Chenab Nagar- Chiniot: Date: June 10, 2023**  
Alhamdulillah, the bail of blasphemer Mirza Mubarak Ahmad Qadiani got rejected

The accused is a major culprit in the Qadiani network responsible for the compilation, publication, and worldwide dissemination of altered versions of the Holy Quran through social media. The accused is the principal of the central institute of Qadiani Jamaat Jamiatul Hifz, in-charge Madrassah Ayesha, and a member of the central advisory council (Shura). Today the bail of the accused was heard in the respected court of Sessions Judge Rao

Ajmal. From the accused's side, his advocate Mirza Adil (a judge of the Qadiani Jamaat's Darul Qaza), Advocate Amir Munir (Secretary, General Affairs Qadiani Jamaat), and Advocate Aftab Cheema were present. They said that there is no evidence against the accused. The accused has been involved in the case out of religious prejudice and conspiracy against him; the case is baseless. While from the complainant's side, Legal Commission on Blasphemy Pakistan's legal team comprising Advocates Nadeem Gujjar, Kamran, and Sardar Ajmal were present under the leadership of Advocate Sheikh Nawaz. The plaintiff's lawyers presented all the evidence before the court and elaborated on the criminal character of the accused. After examining the arguments of both parties and viewing the records, the respected court rejected the bail of the accused.

For contact: 03345375607

Requesting for prayers:

Legal Commission on Blasphemy Pakistan

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

The list of originators of the above statement shows the role of Wukala Gardi, (Lawyers' activism) in anti-Ahmadi sectarian role. The list includes a body like the Islamabad Bar Association.

An appeal was then filed against this before the Lahore High Court. On October 2, 2023, Justice Ali Zia Bajwa recused himself from hearing this case and sent it back to the Chief Justice.

On November 27, 2023, Justice Farooq Haider of

Lahore High Court rejected his bail plea. The accused has been in District Jail Faisalabad for almost a year. He has now moved the Supreme Court with a bail plea.

The trial of this case goes on in the court of ASJ Lalian, Raja Ajmal. The latest hearing was on December 19, 2023, when the police submitted the challan under section 512. The judge, based on the non-arrest of the numerous other accused, has declared them proclaimed offenders.

## ELDERLY AHMADI LAWYER BEATEN UP & ARRESTED OVER 'SYED' PREFIX IN HIS NAME

**Karachi; April 27, 2023:** In a shocking turn of events, Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, Ahmadi, a 77-year-old senior advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, was attacked and beaten up along with his office assistant by a bunch of bigots, while present in Karachi City Court on April 27, 2023. The attackers were mostly lawyers; they took him forcibly to the police station. Instead of providing him with necessary aid and protection, the police registered a case against him under anti-Ahmadi law PPC 298-B and arrested him. The opponents claimed that Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq's

name contained "Syed", which is a Muslim name, and they believe Ahmadis are not allowed by law to use Islamic names. However, there is no law that forbids Ahmadis from using 'Islamic names'. They accused the victim of calling himself a Syed and a Muslim. In fact, there is no such thing as 'Islamic names'; almost all these, (including Syed) existed in Arabia prior to the appearance of Islam.

This is not the first time Mr. Tariq has been targeted for being an Ahmadi. Last year, on November 21,

2022, the police registered a similar case against him under Section 298 B & C of PPC and 34 for having “Syed” in his name. It is noteworthy that both cases were registered against him for the same reason, in the same police station.

Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq has been representing Ahmadis in fabricated anti-Ahmadi cases and has served as their counsel for the past 39 years, since the promulgation of Ordinance XX.

The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community Pakistan condemned his arrest and stated that he was taken into custody on absurd charges in an attempt to impede his work in support of the Ahmadi victims. The spokesperson also expressed concern that such actions could damage the country’s reputation in the international community. Additionally, the spokesperson criticized the apparent mockery of the law in registering two cases against Syed Ali Ahmed Tariq under the same provisions and for the same type of charge at the same police station. He further said that such events were damaging the reputation of our beloved country and creating a perception that Pakistan is increasingly being influenced by religious extremists. The spokesperson called for immediate dismissal of the baseless case against Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, his release from custody, and the accountability of those responsible for attacking and hurting him and his assistant (a non-Ahmadi).

The attitude of the police seniors is noteworthy that when Ahmadiyya officials contacted them to stop this brutal, illegal and inhuman treatment of an elderly Ahmadi, they expressed their helplessness (in the face of unruly lawyers’ gang).

Mr. Tariq was sent to jail on judicial remand. He contacted a lawyer friend from Hindu community for legal assistance. At first, he agreed but after completing initial formalities, he refused to follow-up and returned the fee.

Mr. Tariq was sent to jail on judicial remand. He had difficulty in finding a lawyer to defend him.

Eventually, Tariq found Advocate Salahuddin who submitted his post arrest bail application in the Sindh High Court (SHC). The case hearing was scheduled on May 15, 2023 in the court of Mr. Justice Omar Sial.

Before May 15, the opponent lawyers group launched a hostile campaign on social media against Ahmadis, Mr. Justice Omar Sial and Advocate Salahuddin. They agitated the issue both on social media and in their Bar Association, threatened consequences and urged fanatics to attend the court proceedings. As a result, they gathered around seventy lawyers in the courtroom. They shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans, indulged in violence and severely beat up Advocate Suleman Mirza, an associate of Advocate Salahuddin, and wounded him severely in the face. The print media and the digital media including the daily Dawn, Friday Times, vernacular Nayadaur, as also the social media reported this atrocious incident that occurred in the court room.

The next day, Honorable Mr. Justice Sial passed the order,

“I have had to adjourn all bail cases today because of grave apprehension of a law and order situation developing within the court premises in connection with a post arrest bail application, pending adjudication.

“2. In the previous hearing of this case, extremely unprofessional, in fact, despicably aggressive behaviour was resorted to by some advocates. The Sindh Bar Council, Sindh High Court Bar Association, Karachi Bar Association and Malir Bar Association, in particular, should take immediate action to address the unacceptable behaviour of some of its members. Their behaviour was a slap on and a disgrace to the prestigious profession of law. It is shameful that such persons are permitted to even use the word “advocate” with their names. Their conduct was a black mark on the pride, dignity and reputation of the entire legal fraternity.

“3. Let a copy of this order be sent to the Sindh Bar Council, SHCBA, KBA and MBA so these entities can play their respective parts in weeding out the black sheep amongst them.

“5. Let this file be placed before the Honourable Chief Justice with the request that the Registrar be directed to put appropriate security measures in place on each date of hearing in this case. Only the parties and their counsel should be allowed in Court so that this Court can ensure that a fair trial is given to the accused.

“Members of the press will also be allowed so that a transparent hearing takes place.”<sup>1</sup>

This Order Sheet is land mark and memorable, so we produce it in Annex VI.

On May 22, the lawyers’ gang attempted to enter the courtroom but they were not allowed, so they chanted anti-Ahmadi and other slogans outside the courtroom to pressurize the judge. The judge heard the case and granted post arrest bail to Syed Tariq, the next day.

The honourable judge recorded in his Order, “As for as merits of the case were considered, learned Additional Prosecutor General was of the view that the applicant deserved no mercy and was guilty of

an offence under sections 298-B and 298-C PPC.” The APG represented the provincial government that is led these days by PPP under the chairmanship of Mr Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

A police case was registered against Syed Tariq 30 years ago, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C for saying Islamic greetings, in police station Shahdadpur, District Sanghar. This case was still pending. The opponents approached the civil judge/ judicial magistrate Shahdadpur for this pending case who issued production orders against Syed Tariq.

Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq was expected to be released on May 27, in the latest case, but due to this new production order in the case of October 20, 1992, his release has stalled. The septuagenarian gentleman suffered incarceration, simply for being Syed and wishing Salaam.

Syed Tariq’s health had deteriorated because of his incarceration in old age. He had to be referred to a hospital. The prison authorities took him for various medical tests on July 10, 12, and 17. Doctors believed that Syed Tariq had gone very weak due to the mental and physical stress of his situation.

He finally secured bail in November after spending approximately seven months in prison.

## AHMADI GETS ARRESTED FOR LISTENING TO THE HOLY QURAN

**Kotli, AJK; February 10, 2023:** The police registered here a case against an Ahmadi, Tasleem Ahmad Kashif, under 298-C, APC-504 at Police Station Kotli in FIR 51/23.

The complainant said that Tasleem Ahmad Kashif was listening to the recitation of the Holy Quran in high volume in his garments store and that hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims. He also claimed that Mr. Kashif misbehaved with a cleric of Ghausia Mosque who tried to stop him. Qadianis have also constructed minarets and niche in their worship

place, which is a sheer violation of the Constitution (sic)—he added in his complaint. He also demanded the authorities to demolish minarets and niches of Ahmadi worship places, as also a strict action against Mr. Kashif.

The president of Ahmadiyya Community district Kotli reported that on February 8, 2023 a non-Ahmadi employee of Mr Tasleem Ahmad Kashif had turned on the recitation of the Holy Quran on television. An imam of a local mosque passed by and objected that he had no right to listen to the recita-

1. Order Sheet, Cr. Bail Application No. 937 of 2023

tion because he is an infidel. He also used uncouth language against the Jamaat.

Afterwards, some forty to fifty mulla gathered and approached the authorities to take immediate and strict action against the Ahmadi. Unable to handle the fake pressure of these fanatics, the police registered the case and arrested him on February 10, 2023.

This novel interpretation of blasphemy laws makes Ahmadis more vulnerable and exposed to miscreants who are always eager to attack the innocent. Although there is no legislation which forbids Ahmadis from listening to the recitation of the Holy Quran, the authorities seem to surrender to religious bigots.

## BLASPHEMY SECTION ADDED AGAINST 3 AHMADIS, ON DEMAND

**Chak TDA/185, District Bhakkar, Punjab; May 07, 2023:** Three Ahmadis, Mr. Zubair Ahmad, Mr. Tahir Ahmad and Mr. Mubashar Ahmad, were booked under PPCs 341, 34, 298, 337V, 506, at Police Station Sadar Bhakkar with FIR no. 479 and were arrested.

Mr. Zubair Ahmed has a mobile shop. The plaintiff had a financial dispute with him. He filed an application that he had a financial dispute with the said three persons; this led to a fistfight. He alleged that during the fight, the persons named in the case grabbed his beard and dragged him, thereby the Prophet's Sunnah was insulted, and since the ac-

cused are Qadianis, a blasphemy case should be registered against them. The SHO registered a case under section 298, apart from other sections. He took the accused into custody, and remanded them. After the registration of the case, clerics, political leaders and some lawyers organized a press conference and campaigned on social media, demanding the administration to add a higher blasphemy clause. Otherwise, they threatened to protest. Given the hostile situation and hostile reaction from the lawyers, these accused were not presented in the court for bail on May 8, 2023.

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

**Kotli, AJK; June 23, 2023:** A case was registered against Mr. Mubarak Ahmad in City Police Station Kotli under PPC 298, the anti-Ahmadiyya 298-C and 489-P. Mr. Mubarak works as a stamp-paper seller at the Judicial Complex Kotli and has a better business than his competitors, which caused professional jealousy among other stamp-paper sellers — the complainant Muhammad Zulfiqar Hussain is one of them. According to the details, they took the mobile phone of the accused on the pretext of making a phone call, and posted some irrelevant remarks regarding the End of Prophethood (Khatme Nabuwat). Subsequently, in consultation with mulla, they got a police case registered against Mr.

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

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

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

## AHMADI ELDER ARRESTED IN THARPARKAR AFTER SUPREME COURT REJECTS BAIL PLEA

**Nagar Parkar, District Tharparkar; July-August, 2023:** Four Ahmadis including Mubashar Ahmad (president of the local Ahmadiyya community in Bara), along with three of their Hindu relatives were booked in a baseless case on December 27, 2022, in Nagar Parkar police station under various clauses of the penal code concerning scuffles, etc. Their pre-arrest bail was approved. On January 10, 2023, Additional Sessions Judge Mithi, District Tharparkar rejected Mubashar's plea for bail confirmation. An appeal was filed against this decision in Sindh High

Court where they rejected his bail request. An appeal was then filed in the Karachi Registry of the Supreme Court which also rejected his plea on June 30, 2023. No arrest was made and the Sessions Court was likely to issue his warrants as a proclaimed offender. On July 7, 2023, he presented himself before the Sessions Court where the police took him into custody and sent him to prison. On August 15, the ASJ Mitthi, Sindh, sentenced him to five years' imprisonment and acquitted the six accused.

## POLICE ARREST 6 AHMADIS IN LAHORE

**Badami Bagh, Lahore; August 2023:** Mr. Muhammad Mubashar and his two brothers run a small factory here that produces shoe soles. Around 20 workers currently work in the factory. For some time, the mulla are inciting the workers and the neighbors against the Ahmadis.

On August 1, 2023, the mulla gathered and went to the factory and told the owners to denounce their Ahmadiyya belief. They threatened and bad-mouthed them before leaving and got a case registered against them with the police. The police registered a case No. 1783 against two Ahmadis, Muhammad Mubashar and his son Musharraf Ahmad, on August 1, 2023, in Badami Bagh Police Station, Lahore under PPC 298-C for allegedly propagating their belief.

On August 15, a sessions court approved pre-arrest bail of the two accused, pending a confirmation hearing on August 22.

Three brothers of Mr. Mubashar, Wajahat Ahmad Qamar, Shafeeq Adil, Nasir Ahmad, his son Mudasar Ahmad, accompanied by two other Ahmadis Shiraz Ahmad and Umar Ahmad Bajwa went to the shoe factory on August 18 to collect some of the belongings and documents. When they reached the

factory, the opponents gathered in a mob, created a tumultuous situation, and called the police. The factory was neither sealed nor the police had forbidden anyone to visit the premises.

The police arrested the six Ahmadis present at the scene and transferred them to Badami Bagh police station. They later booked them in a supplementary of the afore-mentioned case and sent them to Camp Jail Lahore on judicial remand.

The TLP fervently campaigned against the accused Ahmadis and called their members to protest



on August 22, 2023, thereby pressurizing the authorities to get their bail denied. Pertaining to the aggressive and hostile situation which could easily turn into an unbecoming event, Mr. Muhammad Mubashar and his son Musharaf Ahmad could not appear in court and Additional Sessions Judge Abdul Qudoos rejected their bail.

A poster of the above-mentioned TLP campaign is shown and translated below:

**Translation:**

O Messenger of Allah We are here  
Whosoever disrespects the Prophet , kill him.  
Long live the King of the End of Prophethood

Tomorrow on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, the cursed Qadianis have a hearing in the court. To impose on their penalty, all devotees of the Prophet PBUH should gather in front of Malik Naveed's residence and be on time. Thank you!

This was most wrongful of the authorities to do that. The Jaranwala tragedy had occurred only three days before, and the country was hurt to the core by the Mulla's mischief. And, the police in the provincial capital yielded again to the same type of mulla and committed a serious wrong against members of a marginalized small community.

The media and foreign HR elements took note of the incident and mentioned it in reports and dis-

patches.

We quote here a very relevant and sagacious comment made in the prestigious Dawn in its editorial on August 23, 2023:<sup>1</sup>

...But, unless the root causes that give rise to such extremist violence are addressed on a thorough and sustained basis, nothing will change. Our minority communities will continue to live on a knife-edge, not knowing when a misspoken word, a festering resentment or some manufactured pretext will be used against them to bring a murderous mob to their doorstep. The first order of business must be to track down the perpetrators of the Jaranwala outrage and punish them to the fullest extent of the law. No one must harbour delusions about there being any mitigating factors whatsoever behind faith-based violence, no exceptions to the rule. All minorities deserve the protection of the law; every Pakistani has the right to freedom of religion. But this is the 'easier' part of what is required if there are to be no more Jaranwalas. Changing society's triumphalist mindset — the outcome of decades of state-sanctioned indulgence of ultra-right pressure groups to achieve political ends — is a more arduous, multifaceted task. Only the state is in a position to undo the grievous harm its tunnel vision has caused. But, one must ask, will it?

## REGISTRATION OF POLICE CASE UNDER ANTI-AHMADIYYA LAWS

**Mandi Bahauddin, September 27, 2023:** The police registered a criminal case against 8 named Ahmadis and 30 unnamed under sections 298-B and 298-C in FIR No. 1436 in P.S. Civil Lines, on September 27, 2023, for building their place of worship with minarets on the premises of Shahtaj Sugar Mills.

The worship place was built in 1970, 14 years before the promulgation of the infamous Ordinance.

Ahmadis named in the FIR are Messrs Mian Muhammad, Karimuddin, Najeeb Ahmad, Rashid

Mahmud, Inamul Haq, Qureshi Abdul Waheed, Tauqir Nawaz and Waqar Ahmad. If declared guilty, they could be imprisoned for 3 years.

Registration of this case against 30 unnamed Ahmadis in addition shows the malafide nature of the complaint.

On December 10, around 50 miscreants gathered and protested in front of the sugar mill. They were protesting that no arrests had been made in the case so far. The protesters tried to block the road

1. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1771665/show-of-solidarity>



but the police did not allow them to do that. They moved to city bus stand and tried to block the road

there. Upon police intervention, they pelted stones at the police and dispersed.

## 23 BOOKED UNDER ANTI-AHMADIYYA LAWS

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### **Chak 20, District Mandi Bahauddin; October 2023:**

The police booked Mr. Ghulam Ahmad, Raja Nadeem Sarwar, Raja Khurram, Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, Mr. Mubashir Ahmad, Mr. Khushnood Ahmad, Mr. Ahmad Khan, Mr. Tanveer Ahmad and 15 unknown members of the Ahmadiyya community with FIR No. 782 dated September 28, 2023, under section 298-B. They were accused of making niche and minarets in their worship place, whereas this mosque was built in 1960, long before Gen Zia's anti-Ahmadi ordinance.

A pre-arrest bail application was filed in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Mandi Bahauddin, Mr. Salim Akhtar, which was rejected on October 27, 2023. Subsequently, one of the accused, Mr. Shiraz was arrested; however, a magistrate accepted his plea for bail.

This case is one of the very baseless, malafide, and vicious ones against Ahmadis. The accused, if declared guilty could suffer imprisonment for three years.

## POLICE CASE AGAINST TWO AHMADIS IN RAJANPUR

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### **Basti Allah Dad, District Rajanpur; May 12, 2023:**

A false police case was registered against six Ahmadi seniors allegedly for preaching Ahmadiyyat in a local Ahmadiyya school under sections 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C and 506 on July 23, 2020 at Police Station Rajanpur City.

Three of the accused were arrested and later acquitted from court but could not return to their hometown due to hostile situation. Five Ahmadis out of six accused had to leave the country to live elsewhere in some peace.

Thereafter, the police registered another police case and arrested two Ahmadis Mr. Muhammad Anwar and Mr. Zafarullah with FIR No. 438 under section 216 of Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 for allegedly providing protection and helping their accused relatives to flee abroad, in the police station City Rajanpur on May 12, 2023. The police case is a fabrication.

The court accepted their plea of post-arrest bail on May 13, 2023.

## CASES REGISTERED AGAINST AHMADIS ON EID AL-ADHA

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This year witnessed a significant increase in agitation against Ahmadis conducting their rituals during the festival of Eid al-Adha. According to reports, 23 applications and complaints were lodged against Ahmadis across various police stations. Punjab Police engaged in harassment of Ahmadis at 89 locations. At 4 places, Ahmadis were prevented from offering Eid prayers, while at 28 locations, they were compelled to provide surety bonds promising

not to perform Qurbani. Bar councils also played a role in this injustice, offering free legal support to those seeking to file lawsuits against Ahmadis for practicing their religious rites. 13 Ahmadis were implicated in 6 cases, resulting in the arrest of 7 individuals. Essential details of these cases are outlined below:

- On June 29, 2023, three Ahmadis of Dharowali, District Nankana Sahib asked butchers to

slaughter their animals. Mulla reported this to the police, who interrogated the butchers. They even contacted the DPO who showed up at the scene and ordered registration of a case and follow-up arrests. The police registered a case against three Ahmadis, Messrs Rafique Ahmad, Azam Ali Kalu, and Nabeel Ahmad under section PPC 298-C in FIR No. 462/23 at Shah Kot police station. The accused became liable to be imprisoned for three years.

- On June 30, 2023, the police arrested and registered FIR No. 508/23 against two Ahmadis, Messrs Aftab Ahmad and Javaid Ahmad of Dheroki under PPC 298-C at Sadar police station, Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, for offering sacrifice, thereby allegedly hurting the sentiments of Muslims.
- On June 30, 2023, the police registered FIR No. 509/23 against two other Ahmadis Messrs Asad Ijaz and Ahmer Shiraz of Dheroki at the same Sadar police station, Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, under section PPC 298-C for offering sacrifice and hurting the religious feelings of Muslims by performing this ritual. They were subsequently arrested. The local Ahmadis tried to approach the DPO, but he did not help and ordered the registration of police case.
- On July 1, 2023, complainant Ghulam Mustafa, a local cleric of TLP, reported to the police that Mr. Tanvir Ahmad, an Ahmadi of Roshanwala, Faisalabad was sacrificing a calf in the

yard of his farmhouse. The police registered FIR No 571/23 against him under PPC 298-C at Roshanwala police station, Faisalabad.

- On July 1, 2023, the police registered an FIR No. 1454/23 against three Ahmadis, Messrs Ghazanfar Ali, Zubair, and Dawood, under sections PPCs 298 and 298-C at Badami Bagh police station, Lahore. According to the FIR, the complainant Nouman Umar called the police helpline 15, around 8 pm, when he found out that the accused were offering sacrifice at their residence in Badar Colony, Badami Bagh, Lahore. The police showed up and arrested the three from their residence. They were sent to prison on judicial remand.
- Bigots filed a complaint against two Ahmadis, Babar Ahmad and Nishat Ahmad of Kot Agha, District Sialkot for offering sacrifice. The police registered a case against the two under PPC 295-A in FIR No 327/23 at Qila Kalarwala police station on July 3, 2023. The complainant Muhammad Ali Muawiyah does not even reside in the village of the accused. His maternal grandparents reside in the village; they have a personal vendetta against the accused over a land dispute. The penal code applied provides for 10-year imprisonment.

It should be mentioned that Pakistani Constitution grants freedom of faith to all citizens, and the anti-Ahmadiyya laws do not forbid Qurbani to Ahmadis.

## AHMADI SECURITY PERSONNEL DETAINED ON EID FOR CARRYING REGISTERED WEAPON

**Chak 84 GB Sarshamir, District Faisalabad; June 29, 2023:** On the day of Eid al-Adha, an Ahmadi, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, was on security duty carrying lawfully a registered weapon. Nevertheless, on June 29, 2023, the police detained him under the Arms Act. They registered a case No. 1121 against him in

P.S. Thekriwala, under Section 13-15-2 of the Arms Act.

Thankfully, a court accepted his bail plea and he was released from prison.

## LOCAL AHMADI PRESIDENT BOOKED UNDER PPC 295

### **Khokhar Gharbi, District Gujrat; February 2023:**

The police booked the local Ahmadi president along with other unnamed Ahmadis under FIR No. 28 under PPCs 149, 147, and 295.

Ahmadis were demolishing their old worship place to rebuild it, as they have an adjacent, relatively new building for worship, when a leading mulla reached the spot and started to quarrel. He has a criminal record.

The police sent for both the parties to the po-

lice station when TLP extremists put up a demo in the vicinity. Ahmadis had to leave the premises to avoid harm. Later, the police interrogated the locals about the ownership of the disputed land, to which several people testified that the said land is owned by Ahmadis.

Later during the night, the fanatics again put a siege to the police station. As a result, the police conventionally registered an FIR against Ahmadis to appease the crowd.

## 12 AHMADIS BOOKED; 8 DETAINED, LATER RELEASED EXCEPT ONE

**Bhulair, District Kasur; June 4-5, 2023:** Twelve Ahmadis were booked under FIR No. 588 under PPCs 324, 149, and 148 in Police Station Phool Nagar, District Kasur. In this case, Mr. Waqas Ahmad, Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, Mr. Maqsood Ahmad, Mr. Ansar Shahzad, Mr. Amar Ahmad, Mr. Daud Ahmad, Mr. Muhammad Irfan, Mr. Yasir Ahmad, Mr. Liaqat Ali, Mr. Faryad Ahmad and Mr. Shahzad Ahmad were named. The police detained Messrs Waqas Ahmad, Ashfaq Ahmad, Maqsood Ahmad, Muhammad Irfan and Yassar Ahmad out of the named accused and Messrs Muhammad Shafiq, Muhammad Sufyan and Danial Ahmad from the unnamed list. On subsequent investigation, all were released except one, Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## HOSTILE SITUATION FOR AHMADIS IN DISTRICT KASUR

**Bhulair, District Kasur; August 2023:** The opposition against Ahmadis has spiked as there has been a huge increase in activities like assaults and registration of police cases. A baseless case was registered here against 13 Ahmadis, five of them were then arrested.

On August 4, 2023, an Ahmadi Mr. Shafiq Ahmad (who was living with his relatives due to the immensely hostile situation) was stopped by the opponents when he tried to return to his own home. The opponents are trying their best to make Ahmadis flee from the village.

The local president, upon receiving the news, arrived at the scene with two or three other Ahmadis. According to their plot, the opponents called the police helpline 15 and told them that Ahmadis had attacked their house and opened fire at them. Ahmadis had no arms, no ammunition and they surely did not indulge in any violent activity. The police took Shafiq Ahmad and his brother Parvez Ahmad along with the complainant to the police station and registered a case against them under PPC 107/151. They were bailed out the next day. The police proceeded further and on finding no evidence of firing, sent the complainant Abdul Rauf to Kasur Jail and registered a case against him for disrupting the peace.

On August 5, 2023, the opponents intercepted an Ahmadi Mr. Irfan Ahmad, and badmouthed him. The police, upon receiving the information, arrested him and the complainant, proceeded under PPC 107/151, and sent them to prison. Why both, one may ask? Ahmad was released on bail on August 7, 2023.

On August 7, 2023, it was announced from the loudspeakers of the mosques of village Chilhar—a neighboring village of Bhulair—that Ahmadis had committed blasphemy against the Prophethood. They urged the public to gather and tell the authorities to take action against them. An Ahmadiyya delegation contacted the higher authorities and informed them about the situation that the opponents were airing fabricated allegations to disrupt peace. The police arrested 5 persons including the mulla who was making these announcements. Three of them were later released while two were kept behind bars.

Authorities have taken the same action against both sides ‘to maintain law and order’, but justice is not served if the victim is treated as the aggressor. Authorities should handle the sponsors and leaders of the mischief firmly, in order to forestall a situation like that in Jaranwala.

## 13 AHMADIS BOOKED FOR DISPUTE OVER MOSQUE DESIGN

**Chak 565, District Faisalabad; May 19, 2023:** The police booked 13 Ahmadis under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-B, with FIR no. 204 at Police Station Buchiana, objecting to the design, minaret and niche of the Ahmadiyya place of worship.

This case was registered against Messrs. Hanif Ahmed (Local Ahmadi President of Chak 565), Nasrullah, Amjad Farooq, Khalid Mahmood, Arif Rafiq, Humayun Rafiq, Rasheed Ahmad, Javed Ahmad, Tariq Ahmad, Mahmood Ahmad, Rafiq Ahmad,

Aslam Ahmad, and Ashraf Ahmad.

There has been long-standing sectarian strife in the area and organized hostile activities have increased in recent times. On March 22, 2023, a police official visited the Ahmadiyya mosque, and later called the Ahmadiyya elders to the police station. The SHO referred the matter to the DCO Faisalabad and bound the parties in writing that until there is an order from the higher officials, neither party will take any action.

Meanwhile, the plaintiff, Faqir Hussain, again urged the SHO to take action. Even on this, the police forbade the opponents from further action. After that, Faqir Hussain filed an application under sections 22-A and 22-B in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Jaranwala Rana Tanveer Ahmad who summoned the parties for hearing. He ordered registration of the case on May 15, 2023 and the police registered a case against as many as 13 Ahmadis on May 19, 2023.

About 40 Ahmadi families reside in Chak 565. This worship place was built more than 60 years ago. Reportedly, there was a program of the opponents to destroy the niche and the minarets on May 19, 2023 after the Friday prayer. The police however forbade the opponents to act until the court gives a decision.

Additional Sessions Judge Jaranwala Saeed Akhtar accepted the temporary bail of the accused on May 29, 2023.

## AHMADI ARRESTED ON FABRICATED CHARGE OF PREACHING

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**Chak 5/1-R Rinala Khurd, District Okara; August 06, 2023:** Mr Basharat Ahmad, Mr Ayaz Nasir along with two unnamed persons, were booked on August 06, 2023, in a fabricated case of preaching Ahmadiyyat under Section 298-C with FIR No. 711 at P.S. City Renala Khurd. Police arrested Mr Basharat Ahmad on the same day, and he was sent to jail on judicial remand.

One Muhammad Asif was a friend of Shahzad Sohail, Ahmadi of Germany, a brother of the victim Mr Basharat. Mr Sohail lent € 30,000 to Mr Asif on his request for business investment. Later, Mr Asif refused to return the loan, on which Mr Sohail registered his complaint via the Pakistan Citizen Portal. Reacting to the complaint, Asif got this fabricated FIR registered through an intermediary Muhammad Ejaz as the complainant.

## POLICE HOSTILITY AGAINST AN INNOCENT AHMADI

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**Nawan Kot, Sheikhpura;** There is only one Ahmadi family, that of Mr. Hafeez Ahmad currently residing in Raheem Abad, Nawan Kot, District Sheikhpura. A member of his caste, Mr. Sattar Baksh, who had left Ahmadiyyat, went to the mosque of non-Ahmadis. Upon this, some miscreants raised objections regarding his visit to the mosque. When the dispute reached the police, they took away Hafeez Ahmad

along with Sattar Baksh to the police station for investigation. To close the issue—in the presence of the police—it was agreed that both Hafeez Ahmad and Sattar Baksh would not go to the mosque of non-Ahmadis. Mr. Hafeez Ahmad already does not go to their mosque. He was unnecessarily troubled to join the investigation at the police station.

## AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

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# 1

### Mr Rohan Ahmad

### Malik Usman Ahmad

### Hafiz Tariq Shehzad

Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, etc. were booked on May 26, 2020, with FIR No. 29/2020 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 R/W, 2016-PECA-11, allegedly for sharing a WhatsApp message regarding a religious Quiz program and a General Knowledge competition arranged by the youth organization of the Ahmadiyya community.

Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department, Lahore which works under Federal Investigation Agency, arrested Mr. Rohan Ahmad.

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

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

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

# 2

### Mr Shiraz Ahmad

Mr. Shiraz Ahmad etc. were booked by Cyber Crime Police Station Lahore on June 20, 2019, under FIR No. 88, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11, for allegedly creating a group "Sindh Salamat" and sharing Ahmadiyya

content in it. He was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021. Subsequently, the trial court added the Blasphemy section 295-C of PPC to the said case. His bail plea was rejected by the Supreme Court.

# 3

## Mr Zaheer Ahmad

Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020, in a fabricated case under Sections 295-B, 298-C, PECA-11, and 109. He was granted bail on February 23, 2021, and was expected to be released in four to five days after the paper formalities. On February 27, when Malik Zaheer Ahmad was expected to be released from the Camp Jail, the Cyber Crime Wing Lahore team arrested him under FIR No. 88 as outlined in the above case, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, and PECA-11. He was not even formally named in the case. His bail plea was rejected by the Supreme Court.

# 4

## Mr Mubarak Ahmad Sani

Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani, Principal of Noor Academy, was arrested on January 7, 2023, from his home in Rabwah. He was booked with FIR No. 661/22 under the blasphemy section PPC 295-B, 298-C, and the Punjab Holy Quran (Printing and Recording) Act 2011, allegedly for distributing copies of the Holy Quran with Ahmadiyya translation and notes as prize among students who had memorized the Holy Quran. He was sent to Jhang Jail after judicial remand and later transferred to District Jail, Faisalabad. His bail plea was rejected by Additional Sessions Judge Lalian, District Chiniot. Later, his bail plea was rejected by the Lahore High Court also.

# MOSQUES UNDER ATTACK, WORSHIP DENIED

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*The state and the society, in the Punjab in particular, went out of the way this year again to target Ahmadiyya places of worship. 53 incidents of demolition, desecration and worship denied were reported and a total of 44 Ahmadiyya mosques were affected. Alarming, 9 mosques were attacked multiple times. This is most hurtful to the religious sentiments of the community. The authorities seemed to be waiting for a mulla to put up a mere frivolous complaint, and the police would head for the Ahmadiyya place of worship to meet the mulla's demand to destroy the minarets and the niches. In addition, the authorities refuse permission to Ahmadis to build mosques. Even essential repairs are made problematic. In any other country it would be unbelievable, but in Pakistan, any anti-Ahmadiyya activity by the state is no longer unbelievable. A read of what happened to the Ahmadiyya mosque at Nan Dogar, Lahore will show you the gross nature of police intervention. In addition to this it's imperative to highlight the insightful comments provided on the lead story. Though the story has been placed to the last in chronological order, the comments remain pertinent and deserving of attention.*

*Ahmadis have been denied their basic human right of Freedom of Religion and Belief since the promulgation of Anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX in 1984. Since then 73 Ahmadiyya mosques have been demolished, 46 sealed by authorities, 50 set on fire or damaged, 18 forcibly occupied and construction of 62 Ahmadiyya mosques was barred by the authorities. A list of such violations this year is provided in Annex III.*





*Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship observance.*

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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ARTICLE 18)

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*Therein shall be guaranteed fundamental rights, including equality of status, of opportunity and before law, social, economic and political justice, and freedom of thought, expression, belief, faith, worship and association, subject to law and public morality;*

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PREAMBLE CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN

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*You are free; you are free to go to your temples, you are free to go to your mosques or to any other place or worship in this State of Pakistan. You may belong to any religion or caste or creed that has nothing to do with the business of the State.*

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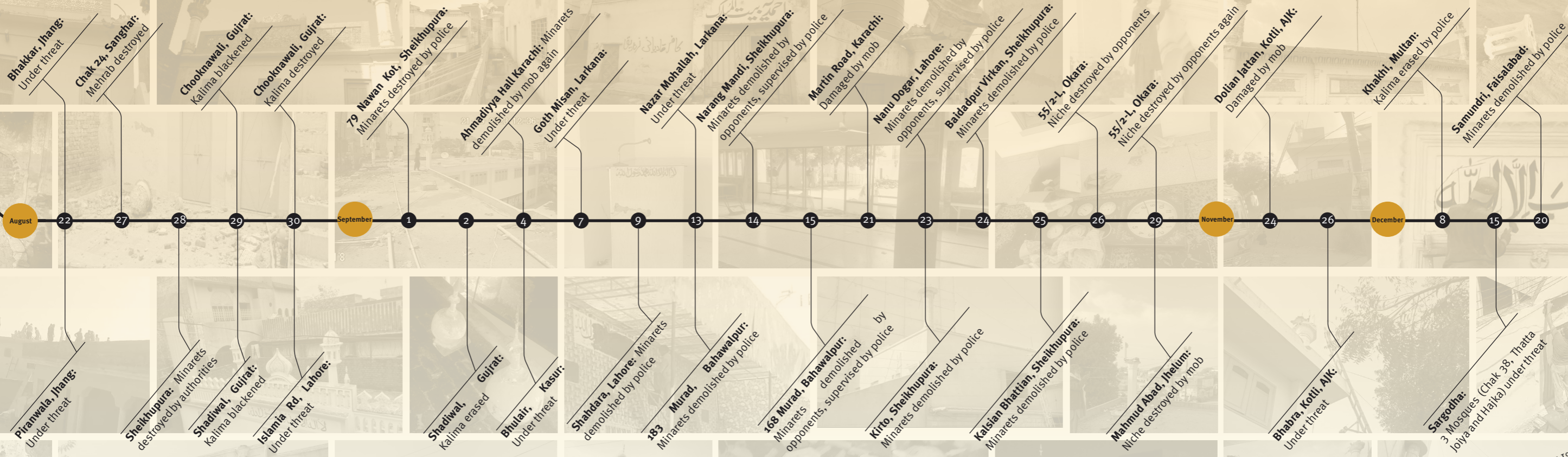
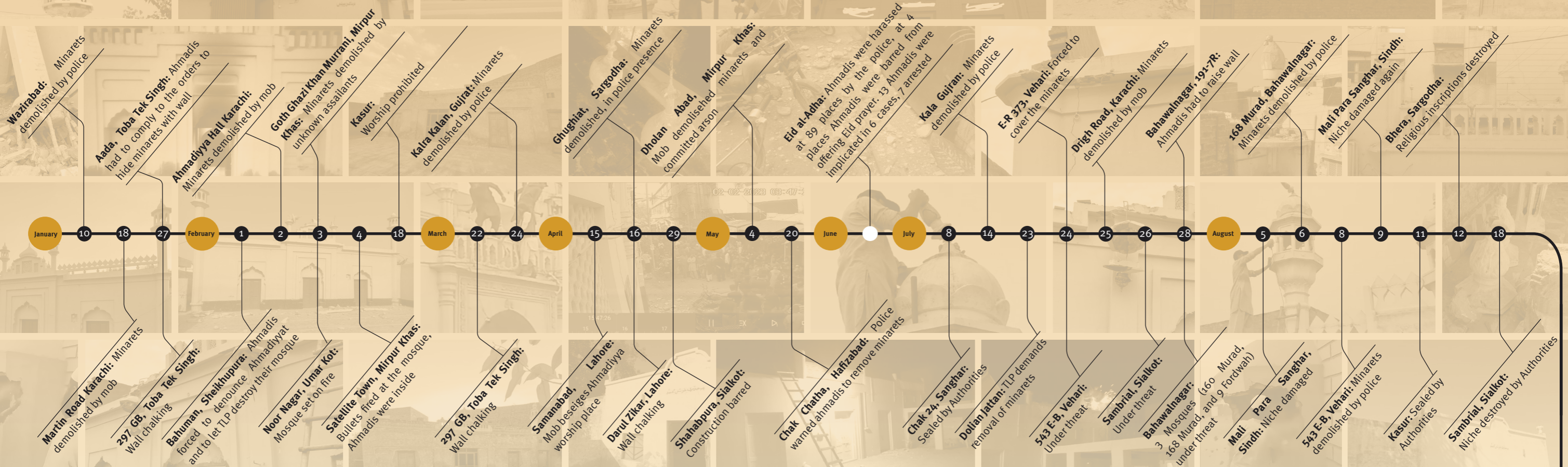
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# CHRONICLE OF DESECRATIONS AND THREATS AGAINST AHMADIYYA MOSQUES IN 2023

HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION TABSHIR - AHMADIYYA MUSLIM FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFICE



## MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEMOLISHED BY POLICE

**Wazirabad, District Gujranwala; January 10, 2023:**

The minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque were demolished by the Punjab Police in the dark hours of January 10, 2023. These were demolished in defiance of the Supreme Court's 2014 decision to protect places of worship.

Someone put up an application to the police that the Ahmadis have built a room with minarets on it, which resembles a mosque, while they cannot build

it as per law (sic). The police accordingly told Ahmadis to disband the minarets. Ahmadis told the police of the community's position on this issue and told them further that this worship place was built in 1915.

The police wrongfully booked five Ahmadis under anti-Ahmadiyya sections 298-B and 298-C. ASJ Noor Muhammad Dhothar rejected their bail on January 23, 2023.



*Wazirabad Mosque after the incident*

The daily Express Tribune published the following story on January 11, 2023:<sup>1</sup>

### **Police accused of 'desecration' of Ahmadi worship place in Wazirabad**

A historical worship place of Ahmadi community situated at Moti Bazar has been allegedly desecrated by police.

**LAHORE:** A historical worship place of Ahmadi community situated at Moti Bazar, Wazirabad, which was established back in 1915, was allegedly desecrated by district administration (police) last night.

A local leader of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), Irfan Ilyas Butt had filed a complaint before Assistant Commissioner Wazirabad stating that the Ahmadi community had established a room similar in looks to a nearby mosque with minarets on it.

He had sought action under Section 298-B and 298-C of Pakistan Penal Code (PPC).

Section 298-C of PPC reads, "Any person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves "Ahmadis" or by any other name), who directly or indirectly poses himself as a Muslim, or calls, or refers to, his faith as Islam, or preaches or propagates his faith, or invites others to accept his faith, by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representations, or in any manner whatsoever outrages the religious feelings of Muslims, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may ex-

<sup>1</sup> <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2395315/police-accused-of-desecration-of-ahmadi-worship-place-in-wazirabad>

tend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.”

Spokesperson of the Ahmadi community while speaking to The Express Tribune decried the act stating it was “tantamount to discrimination against them as well as against the Supreme Court’s judgement”.

He further quoted a judgement by a three-member bench of Supreme Court of Pakistan headed by Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani.

As per the details of the ruling, it had asked for ensuring protection of minorities’ worship places by the government. It had directed for establishment of task force in this regard.

He further revealed that “unfortunately the government bodies such as the police are demolishing our worship places, instead of protecting them.”

It is pertinent to note that last month, minarets from a worship place of the Ahmadi community in Gujranwala were also demolished by police.

TLP leader Irfan Ilyas, when contacted over telephone, said he was not interested in sharing his version of the incident.

## VANDALS ATTACK AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN KARACHI — TWICE THIS YEAR

**Martin Road, Karachi; January 18, 2023:** Opponent of Ahmadiyyat were primarily busy during the year desecrating Ahmadiyya mosques and graves. After being active in the Punjab, they spread their mischief to Sindh. They desecrated minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Martin Road, Karachi. Earlier they got registered a police case under PPC 298-C against Ahmadis for constructing a mosque-style worship place. Encouraged this way by the timidity of the police and the administration, they upgraded their depravity.

On January 18 in the afternoon, more than a dozen miscreants come to the Ahmadiyya mosque. Some of them climbed up a ladder to reach the roof of the mosque. They tore down the two minarets of the mosque with hammers.

Ahmadis informed the police, but the attackers fled away before the police arrived.



STRANGE!!  
THIS POSTER WAS ON DISPLAY NEAR THE AHMADIYYA  
MOSQUE  
NO AUTHORITY TOOK ANY ACTION

Translation:

Demand from management

Qadianis cannot use the rituals of Islam.

1984 Prohibition Qadianis under Ordinance 8-298 and C-298 Qadianis cannot use domes, minarets, mehrabs, Kalima Tayyaba (THE ISLAMIC CREED), Quranic verses on their centers, apostasy houses like mosques.

We demand from the administration that the rites of Islam should be removed immediately from the apostate houses of the Qadianis.

From: The residents of Jamshed Quarters Karachi



For details of the second attack please see on page 106.

## AGITATION IN DISTRICT TOBA TEK SINGH



**Aada, District Toba Tek Singh; February 2023:** Agitation against Ahmadis is on the rise in this district now a days. The DSP Gojra sent for Ahmadis and told them to remove the minarets from their mosque. Ahmadis told him that this mosque was built way back in 1964 and the police had no right to order the demolition of its minarets.

Ahmadis had to comply with this outlandish order.

Nevertheless, six unidentified men arrived at the site on the night of January 27, 2023, to demolish its minarets. Ahmadis told them to show order or authorization. At this, they went back, telling Ahmadis to present themselves at the DSP's office next day.

In another incident, in village Chak 297 GB unidentified goons graffitied "Kutta Kutta" (dog, dog) on an Ahmadi-owned house and the Ahmadiyya mosque. Ahmadis informed the police of the incident.

There Ahmadis were told to raise the boundary wall so that no passerby could see the minarets.



## COERCION IN MATTERS OF FAITH

**Bahuman, District Sheikhpura; February 1, 2023:** We reported in our report for May 2022 on a brawl in this village between two parties that implicated a few Ahmadis as well.

Three Ahmadis were also arrested, including Rai Nasir. The fight was not over religion, but later the aggressor group gave it a religious color and undertook propaganda on social media.

The opposing group issued various threats to Rai Nasir, and conveyed to him that if he and his fam-

ily were to quit Ahmadiyya, they would be spared; even the police case would be withdrawn. Consequently, Rai Nasir declared that he and his family had renounced membership of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

There was a mosque at the farmhouse of Rai Nasir, frequented by Ahmadis. On February 1, 2023 Under duress, Rai Nasir succumbed to pressure from TLP activists, who were permitted to demolish the mosque. Amidst raised voices and anti-Ahmadi slogans, the mosque was forcefully pulled down.



## VANDALISM: AHMADIYYA HALL, KARACHI TARGETED TWICE THIS YEAR BY MISCREANTS

**Karachi; February 2, 2023:** Around 15:30 in the afternoon, some unidentified miscreants vandalized the minarets of the Ahmadiyya Hall, a place of worship. While some aggressively chanted anti-Ahmadi slogans, a few others climbed the wall, by utilizing a bench of a street food vendor, and demolished the minarets with sledgehammers, within a few minutes. They fled thereafter. Although couple of policemen were present at the scene, they failed to stop the gang.

It is noteworthy that the building is situated in the heart of the city since 1950, long before the anti-Ahmadiyya amendments to the Constitution and the notorious Ordinance XX.

It has become a trend in Pakistan that religious fanatics often use mob-attacks to achieve their heinous motives. It seems that they have found a loophole in the system to evade the legal consequences of their actions. They assume themselves to be the judge, jury and executioner, and exercise their own laws on their targets, without any intervention of law enforcement authorities.

The daily The Express Tribune also reported the incident, and the video of the incident went viral on different social media platforms, like YouTube<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup>.

The report from The Express Tribune<sup>3</sup> is reproduced below:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFW3d4E3io>

2. [https://twitter.com/Muslim\\_Scientist/status/1621181025200427392](https://twitter.com/Muslim_Scientist/status/1621181025200427392)

3. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2399175/Unidentified-miscreants-vandalise-ahmadi-worship-place-in-karachi>

**Unidentified miscreants vandalize Ahmadi worship place in Karachi**

**Community spokesperson says police were unable to control the situation**

**KARACHI:** A place of worship belonging to the Ahmadi community was vandalized by unknown miscreants on Thursday.

The incident took place in the jurisdiction of Preedy police station at around 3:30 pm when unidentified men, chanting slogans against the community, vandalised the minarets of the worship place.

The place of worship for the minority community, Ahmadiyya Hall, was built in the 1950s according to community members.

A video of the incident, circulated widely on social media, showed that the policemen deployed outside the site tried to keep away the miscreants but were unable to control the charged mob. Police have yet to register a case.

“The community is in touch with the police,” said SHO Preedy Sajjad Khan. Talking to The Express Tribune, Khan said that the miscreants also attacked the policemen.

“We will register the case, if the community does not come forward,” he added.

Speaking to The Express Tribune, the spokesman of the Ahmadi community Amir Mehmood condemned the incident and lamented that the police failed to control the attackers. He maintained that, worship places belonging to his community were being targeted across Pakistan.

Mehmood added that another worship place located on Martin Road was vandalized on January 18. “A case was registered but no one was arrested,” he added.

A senior member of the community said that they felt “insecure after such incidents” and the case regarding both attacks was launched in court.

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A local leader of a right-wing political party, Irfan Ilyas



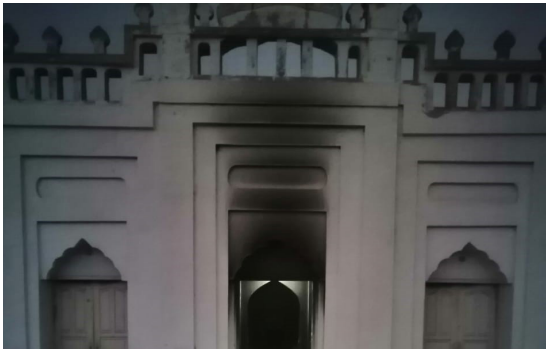
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*For the second incident please see page 102.*

## ARSON AT AN AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN SINDH



**February 3, 2023; Noor Nagar, district Umar Kot, Sindh:** During dark hours, some unidentified miscreants climbed the boundary wall, entered the mosque, poured petrol, and set the interior on fire. The furniture and the carpets in the main hall of the mosque were destroyed. Local Ahmadis discovered the damage when they gathered at the mosque for the morning prayer. According to initial details, four persons came riding two motorbikes, entered the premises of the mosque, and undertook arson.

Ahmadis informed the police and asked them to register an FIR against the arsonists.



*Views from inside the Mosque*

## ATTACK ON ANOTHER AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN SINDH

**Goth Ghazi Khan Murrani, District Mirpur Khas, Sindh; February 3, 2023:** Unidentified assailants attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque in Goth Chaudhry

Javed Ahmad, demolished its minarets and committed arson. The local Ahmadis have sought help from the police to identify the criminals.





## ARMED ATTACK ON AHMADIYYA PRAYER CENTER

**Satellite Town, Mirpur Khas, Sindh; February 4, 2023:**

Around 8:30 PM, someone opened fire at the Ahmadiyya prayer center in Satellite Town, a neighborhood of Mirpur Khas. The bullets hit the main door and the wall.

At the time of the incident, local Ahmadis including the president of the local Ahmadiyya Community were present in the building. Thanks to Allah Almighty that all of them remained safe in the violent attack. One police constable came over to guard the premises, soon after the horrible attack. Ahmadis requested the police to register a case.



## HRCP ALSO TAKES NOTE

**Lahore; February 15, 2023:** Reports of outrageous desecration of Ahmadiyya places of worship and graves became so numerous that Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) decided to look into these through a fact-finding mission. They formed one, and it rendered its report to the Commission who released it through a media release in the following words:

### Introduction An HRCP fact-finding report

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) has observed a worrying upsurge in the persecution of members of the Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya in Punjab during 2022. This has included the desecration of Ahmadi graves, the destruction of minarets at

Ahmadi sites of worship, first information reports (FIRs) filed against community members for carrying out ritual animal sacrifice on Eid, the forcible removal of Quranic verses from houses belonging to members of the community, and even wanton faith-based murders. Punjab—and especially Gujranwala and its surrounding locales—appears to account for the bulk of reported attacks. More alarming is the allegation that such acts have been carried out at the behest of police and civil administration officials.

*Attacks on religious minorities' sites of worship in Gujranwala and Wazirabad*

*An HRCP fact-finding report (January 2023)<sup>1</sup>*

## AHMADIS MADE TO LEAVE THE MOSQUE AT THE TIME OF FRIDAY PRAYER

**Kasur; February 18, 2023:** Around 12:30 pm, Ahmadis gathered to offer congregational Friday prayer at their mosque in Kasur. A mob of hostile miscreants of Tehreek e Labaik confronted Ahmadis and obstructed their worship. Labelling Ahmadis as non-Muslims, the goons exclaimed that they have nothing to do with Islamic rites like Friday prayer. One of them audaciously said that Ahmadis had al-

ready offered enough Friday prayers at this place, and even threatened them not to show up ever again for Friday prayer. The incident was witnessed by the policeman, present there on duty. He along with some locals tried to intervene and calm the incensed mob.

Someone called 15 helpline and some more po-

<sup>1</sup> <https://hrqp-web.org/hrqpweb/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2023-Attacks-on-religious-minorities-sites-of-worship.pdf>

licemen arrived at the scene. Instead of dispersing the hostile crowd, the authorities asked Ahmadis to leave the premises. They then had to offer Friday prayer elsewhere.

Meanwhile, the police and the cleric of the neighboring mosque made announcements from their loudspeaker telling the crowd not to indulge in any unlawful activity—whereupon the mob left the site chanting anti-Ahmadi slogans.

The video of the incident went viral on the inter-

net. These fanatics can be seen severely harassing two local Ahmadis, Sheikh Yousuf and Tanvir Ahmad. When Tanvir Ahmad gave them his name, one of the goons aggressively told him not to add Ahmad to his name. The audacity with which these fanatics harassed the two vulnerable Ahmadis, shows that they do not care for authorities nor for the consequences of unlawfully detaining Ahmadis.<sup>1</sup>

*Other incidents on page 95 and on page 179.*



## THREAT TO ANOTHER AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

**Chak 565 GB, Faisalabad; March 22, 2023:** A policeman visited the local Ahmadiyya mosque. Subsequently in the afternoon, the local Ahmadi president was told to visit the police station. It was further learnt that two persons belonging to TLP had got registered a complaint against the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque and the Ahmadi delegation had been called regarding the issue.

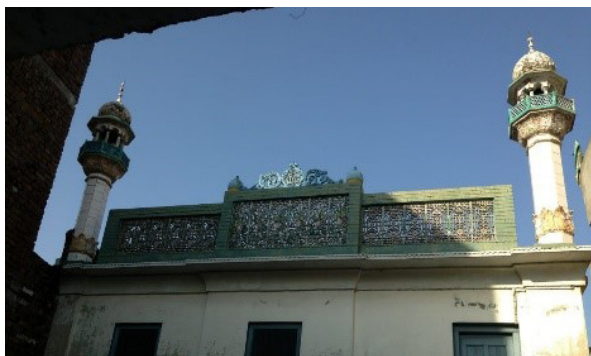
<sup>1</sup> <https://twitter.com/Inkharzaiz/status/1627604139290009600?lang=en>

Both parties were present at the police station. The SHO assured the parties that the issue would be resolved as per law, and referred the case to the DCO Faisalabad. He also asked the parties to sign, agreeing that they would not indulge in any unlawful activity till further orders from the higher authorities.

Here, it is relevant to mention that Tehreek-e-Labbaik (TLP) is a politico-religious party that indulges in violence to achieve its political objects. Sometimes back, it created immense problems for the

government in its violent march on the capital. The frightened government has since adopted the policy of appeasing the firebrand mulla, whenever they bring up an anti-Ahmadi demand.

## THE POLICE DEFILES AHMADIYYA MOSQUE GRIEVOUSLY



*Before*

**Kalra Kalan, Gujrat; March 24 & 25, 2023:** The police undertook criminal and painful desecration of the local Ahmadiyya mosque here, for little reason.

Prior to the incident, a CTD official visited the site on March 21 and tried to photograph the mosque and its minarets. He was persuaded to go back, but he returned the next day. He said that the department was insisting on the required photography. He took some photographs and left. On March 24, the DSP and SHO of Police Station Larri Adda, Gujrat came with a contingent on two vehicles and stated that they intended to demolish the minarets. Upon this, the delegation of the Jamaat elders told them



*After*

that the mosque was around 70 years old, and the minarets were there all along. The DSP replied that mosques belong only to Muslims and Ahmadis have no right to have them (sic). He further threatened the Ahmadis that he was being polite, otherwise he could have registered a police case against them, and the mosque could have been sealed or taken over. He confiscated personal phones of the Ahmadis present at the scene. Thereafter, his team demolished the minarets and dome of the mosque. They came over the next day to finish the shameful job. Apart from the demolition, the debris caused severe damage to the floor, stairs, and the structure of the mosque.



Later, an Ahmadi delegation of the Jamaat called on the DPO, who rudely attended to them saying that they should have demolished the minarets and dome themselves. He also told them that they were unaware of the Constitution which forbids them to construct minarets and dome in their worship places (sic). The delegation replied that they had

been living there for generations and no one from the local residents had ever raised such an objection. Even now, no one among the locals has complained, and this act of the police had spoiled the peace of the village. To this, the said DPO had no answer.

## MOB BESIEGES AHMADIYYA WORSHIP PLACE IN LAHORE. POLICE BOOKS AHMADI ELDERS



**Rajgarh, Samanabad, Lahore; April 15-17, 2023:** On April 15, around 10:30 pm, a violent mob besieged the local Ahmadiyya prayer center. They hit the gate with rods, shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans and made speeches on loudspeaker. They incited people that Qadianis were preaching there, misleading the people and robbing the End of Prophethood. They demanded that police register criminal case against them. The clerics then staged a sit-in in front of the

center.

The police SHO telephoned the Ahmadi administration and asked them to open the lock of the center. They were told that there was no Ahmadi in the center at that time. The clerics and the police then wrapped the outer lock with a cloth.

There is a mosque close to the center. The mulla seem to have plotted the unrest there.

After two days, the police booked four Ahmadis Asad Imran, Ghulam Mustafa Zakria, Abdul Hai and Ahmad on the complaint of Maulvi Abdul Aziz of Aalmi Majlis Khatme Nabuwat under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 1291, on April 17, 2023 in Police Station Sanda, Lahore.

The plaintiff took the stance that there was an unregistered place of worship of the Qadianis at Shamnagar Chauburji, where the above-mentioned accused were illegally preaching Qadianiat and worshipping, thereby misleading and hurting the sentiments of innocent Muslims. Therefore, action should be taken against them. The police compliantly registered a case whereby the three Ahmadi elders could be imprisoned for three years just for their faith.

## MUTILATION OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN POLICE PRESENCE

**Ghughiat, District Sargodha, Punjab; April 16, 2023:** The opposition of Ahmadis has spiked in this village. In May last year, Islamic inscriptions on 30

tombstones of Ahmadis were removed and Ahmadis were prohibited from offering animal sacrifice at their festival of Eid al-Adha. Moreover, opponents



filed applications against the century-old Ahmadiyya mosque in the village. The opponents, with the help of the police, had even posted a board outside the mosque declaring, **“This is not a mosque of Muslims, this is a worship place of Qadiani Community”** (translation).

On April 16, 2023, an application was filed by an opponent named Khalilur Rahman to SHO Miani Police Station. The complainant said that he was passing by the Qadiani worship place when he overheard the Qadiani Muallim (religious teacher) teaching the Quran to children, while they are forbidden to perform such activities by the Constitution and Shariah (sic). The complainant said that he informed the on-duty police guard, who told the Muallim to stop. Upon this, the Muallim threatened to kill the complainant—he alleged in his complaint. The complainant appears to belong to the group who believe that a lie in support of religion is not only permissible, it is even obligatory.

Afterward, at night after the evening prayer, the opponents came and gathered outside the Ahmadiyya mosque. They demanded that the minarets and niche of the mosque be destroyed. It is pertinent to mention that the said mosque is 118 years old and has stood there long before the promulgation of the anti-Ahmadiyya laws. The police arrived at the scene and the mob turned into a sit-in. Later, they attempted to climb to the rooftop of the mosque using a ladder, but the police stopped them. Around 11:00 pm, the opponents ultimately climbed up the

rooftop and demolished the minarets and niche, in the presence of the police.

On April 17, 2023, the police registered a case against three Ahmadis under sections 298-C, 506, and 109 of PPC on false accusations of criminal intimidation and threats.

Ahmadis also filed an application to the police against the attack on their mosque and the destruction of its minarets and niche by miscreants. The police registered a case against 23 named and 19 unknown miscreants under sections PPC 295-A, 149, 148, 427, and 295. Five prominent attackers were arrested.

Favoring the attackers, Rana Khalid Mahmood, Magistrate Bhera, kindly accepted the request for bail of the arrested miscreants saying that as the



case was not registered by a government official or the police, release on bail was in order. The case had been filed by a common person, so, according to this magistrate, section 295-A was not applicable; all the remaining sections are bailable, anyhow. He then accepted the bail plea of these criminals who had committed the major offense of injuring a place of worship and acting maliciously to outrage the religious feelings of the victims.

The weekly *The Friday Times*<sup>1</sup> also took notice of the incident (extracts):

**Sargodha: Ahmadi Worship Place Desecrated ‘In Police Presence’**

*An eyewitness says that all this happened in the presence of local police at around 11 pm on Sunday.*

A mob desecrated the minarets and the dome of the Ahmadiyya Place of Worship in Ghughiat, District Sargodha, on Sunday.

On the condition of anonymity, an eyewitness said that all this happened in the presence of local police at around 11 pm. It is pertinent to mention here that this place of worship is approximately 118 years old.

Attacking and demolishing Ahmadiyya worship places by mobs and government officials is a blatant violation of Pakistan’s constitution and Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani’s 2014 decision.

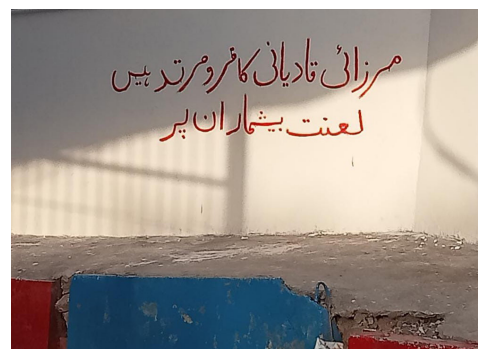
The persecution of the Ahmadiyya community has been on the rise in different areas of Pakistan for some time now. The Punjab province has been the center of it, and the extent of these activities is such that the peaceful Ahmadis are not left alone even in the holy month of Ramazan.

A fact-finding mission led by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) has underscored an alarming uptick in the persecution of members of the Ahmadiyya community in Gujranwala and surrounding areas—specifically, the desecration of their graves, the destruction of minarets at Ahmadi sites of worship, and first information reports (FIRs) filed against community members for carrying out ritual animal sacrifice on Eid...



## HATEFUL GRAFFITI ON CENTRAL AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

**Lahore; April 16, 2023:** During dark hours, some miscreants graffitied **“Mirzais and Qadianis are infidels and apostates—countless curses be upon them”** (translation), on the boundary wall of the Ahmadiyya Darul Zikar. The police were immediately informed of the incident. They visited the scene and got this hateful writing painted over. It is one of the two mosques in Lahore where on May 28, 2010, a massacre of Ahmadis took place that resulted in the brutal murder of 86 worshippers.



<sup>1</sup>. <https://thefridaytimes.com/17-Apr-2023/sargodha-ahmadi-worship-place-desecrated-in-police-presence>

## DISCRIMINATION IN THE APPLICATION OF THE RULES

**Shahabpura, Sialkot; April 29, 2023:** Ahmadis here needed an additional room and a bathroom to the resident Imam's quarter in their mosque complex. They proceeded with construction sans permission, perhaps because of their previous experience of undue delays and difficulties at the hand of officials on such requests. Often such an approach works in Pakistan in petty construction undertakings. However, they found their initiative presumptuous, as the authorities having come to know of the ongoing

construction, arrived on the spot, and sealed the worship place. This was an overkill. A few days later, they dismantled the new construction.

Seventy years ago, the renowned Court of Enquiry in Punjab Disturbances of 1953 candidly observed: ***“Further we feel that (anti-Ahmadiyya) Ahrar were treated as members of the family, and the Ahmadis as strangers”***.<sup>1</sup>

## AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN SINDH TARGETED IN VICIOUS ATTACK

**Dholan Abad, Mirpur Khas; May 4, 2023:** A group of assailants attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque in District Mirpur Khas, causing extensive damage to its structure. This desecration of the mosque marks the ninth such incident in the first five months the year alone. This is an alarmingly high number for a small community, with an average of almost two mosques being vandalized every month. The number grew drastically later.

According to reports, a mob of approximately 150 people arrived at the mosque at around 9 a.m. and forcibly entered the premises by placing a ladder against the building. The assailants then proceeded to bring down the mosque's four minarets and attempted to damage the niche. The mosque is located in the center of Mirpur Khas City and has shops in its basement.



Despite their efforts, the assailants were unable to break down the mosque's main gate. However, they set fire to the belongings of the Ahmadis, including their clothes and other possessions.

This mosque was constructed in the 1980s and is situated near Fazl e Umar Hospital, which was founded by Dr. Abdul Mannan Siddiqui, a renowned, people-friendly Ahmadi doctor who was martyred in 2008 after a hateful TV program against Ahmadis.

Following his death, many Ahmadi families residing in the neighborhood of the mosque were forced to relocate to various other areas of the city.

Although Ahmadis were few in number in this area, the offering of prayers had resumed after being suspended for more than a year. After the mob



1. [https://persecutionofahmadis.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/report\\_1953.pdf](https://persecutionofahmadis.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/report_1953.pdf) (Pg 384)

had destroyed the minarets of the mosque, the police arrived and dispersed them.

The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan tweeted; “Continuous attacks on Ahmadiyya worship places are a gross violation of human rights. Today’s attack on the Ahmadiyya place of worship in Dholan Abad, Mirpur Khas by a mob of 150 plus extremists is unacceptable.”

He further stated, “The attack on the Ahmadiyya place of worship is an appalling act of religious intolerance. The illegal entry, destruction of property, and setting fire to belongings is unacceptable.”

The spokesperson also expressed disappointment over the police’s lack of action and said, “The police are not registering a case for the incident, and it is unfortunate that state institutions are targeting the oppressed class and delaying action, instead of taking immediate steps against extremist elements.”

He also shared videos of the incidents on his Twitter account to provide evidence of the attack on the mosque.<sup>1</sup>

Ahmadis met with police officials and authorities for a rightful legal action against the attackers. At first, they were reluctant, but later the police registered a case with FIR No. 50 under PPCs 295, 427, 436, 147, 148, 149, 6 ATA and 7 ATA on May 4, 2023

in the police station Ghareeb Abad, District Mirpur Khas.

An anti-Ahmadi Ahmad Jan Sarhandi group is very active against Ahmadis in Sindh.



## MOSQUE UNDER THREAT

**Chak Chatha, Hafizabad; May, 2023:** An organized campaign against the local Ahmadiyya mosque goes on here for a while now. On April 22, 2023, the District Ameer of Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan sent an application to SHO Sadar police station that Ahmadis had constructed minarets on their worship place, which beguile innocent Muslims, and some of them even enter their worship place, considering it to be a mosque. He demanded that authorities take action.

<sup>1</sup> <https://twitter.com/PressSectionSAA/status/1654104664131125249?s=20>

The SHO sent for the local Ahmadis. Mr. Basharat Ahmad, the president of the Jamaat, went to the police station where the SHO told him to demolish the minarets. He informed the authorities that these minarets were constructed long before the promulgation of anti-Ahmadiyya laws.

The case is pending with the police.



## AHMADIS' FREEDOM TO PRACTICE THEIR FAITH WAS SEVERELY CURTAILED ON EID AL-ADHA

**Punjab, Islamabad; last week of June 2023:** Ahmadis faced blatant and manifest violation of their human rights in the domain of freedom of practice of their religion at the occasion of Eid al-Adha, one of their religious festivals. This disgraceful campaign

jointly undertaken by the extremist elements of the notorious TLP and the Punjab government produced its better fruit in tons. For detailed story, please see Chapter 1D.

## AHMADIYYA MOSQUE SEALED, AND POLICE CASE REGISTERED AGAINST AHMADIS

**Chak No. 24, District Sanghar; July 8, 2023:** Dr. Azhar Iqbal, the local president of the Ahmadiyya Community, initiated renovations on his residence, which includes a mosque. During this process, opponents objected to the presence of minarets and a niche in the mosque, falsely claiming that Ahmadis are prohibited from including them in their places of worship. They utilized social media to incite a mob from neighboring villages, led by a Mulla who delivered hate speeches, demanded the demolition of the structure, and threatened to resort to vigilantism.

On July 4, 2023, upon visiting the site, the DSP and SHO were informed that the mosque was an old structure, predating the enactment of anti-Ahmadi laws, as were its minarets and niche.

Nevertheless, the police sealed the mosque and filed criminal charges against Dr. Azhar Iqbal and his brother, Mr. Mazhar Iqbal, under sections 295-A, 298-C, and 298-B(1)(D) of the Pakistan Penal Code. Mr. Mazhar Iqbal, a high-ranking community official, resides in Rabwah, located hundreds of kilometers away. The penal code stipulates a maximum imprisonment of ten years for the accused. The police asserted that registering the case was necessary to quell the mob and restore law and order.

*Further incident on page 98.*



*Official sealing the mosque*

## POLICE DESTROY AHMADIYYA MOSQUE'S MINARETS — ON DEMAND OF EXTREMISTS

**Jhelum, Punjab; July 14, 2023:** We issued an Immediate Release on July 15 on the above incident. We

reproduce the same as part of this report.

### AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN PAKISTAN DESECRATED

#### THREATS ISSUED BY TLP MEMBER

#### THE MOSQUE BORE AHMADIYYA MOTTO 'LOVE FOR ALL, HATRED FOR NONE'

Jhelum, July 14, 2023 – We report with deep distress and condemnation the desecration of an Ahmadiyya mosque in Kala Gojran, Dist. Jhelum. Shockingly, the minarets of the mosque were demolished by the

police, succumbing to pressure from members of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP).

This deplorable act was carried out under the threats and campaign by extremist elements in the area aimed at targeting Ahmadiyya mosques. A few days ago, Asim Ashfaq Rizvi, a member of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), openly threatened the DPO Jhelum that if the minarets were not demolished within twenty days, he would mobilize people to forcefully bring them down (*Video<sup>1</sup> & translation<sup>2</sup>*)



Asim Ashfaq Rizvi of TLP

Subsequently, on July 14, 2023, the local Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) summoned the management of the Ahmadiyya mosque and demanded the voluntary destruction of the minarets, threatening police action if they refused.

Despite the efforts of the local Ahmadi community to engage in a dialogue with the police regarding the legality of the construction of the minarets, their pleas were disregarded.

In a deeply troubling turn of events, a police squad arrived at the Ahmadiyya mosque around midnight. The officers confiscated the mobile phones of Ahmadis present and detained them briefly at the Jhelum City Police Station. They proceeded to tear down the minarets, leaving the place of worship desecrated. Additionally, they completely damaged the CCTV system. After completing the destruction of the minarets, the detained members of the Ahmadiyya Community were released.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community strongly condemns this act of violence, religious intolerance, and the misuse of authority by the police. This incident marks the 10th attack during 2023 and the 45th attack on Ahmadiyya mosques since January 2020, highlighting the ongoing persecution faced by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Pakistan.

Last year alone, 14 Ahmadiyya mosques were targeted and desecrated, while in 2021, 14 mosques, and a further 7 in 2020.

It is important to highlight that the mosque, apart from being a place of worship, prominently displayed



1. <https://twitter.com/IamAmirMahmood/status/1680132000194329772?s=20>

2. Translation of the threat message by Asim Ashfaq of TLP: "The DPO Jhelum (District Police Officer) and the Jhelum administration have a twenty-day deadline to demolish the minarets of the worship place in Kala Gujran. If they fail to do so, then, God willing, on the 10th of Muharram, precisely on the 21st day from today, the devoted servants of the Holy Prophet will gather at 10 o'clock in Yaadgar Chowk. They will march while chanting slogans and remove those signs with their own hands."

the Ahmadiyya motto “Love for All, Hatred for None” on its front wall. This motto represents the Ahmadiyya community’s commitment to love, peace, and inclusivity, transcending religious differences and fostering unity among all humanity. Ahmadis firmly believe in promoting love and compassion, rejecting hatred and animosity towards any individual or group.

This incident further underscores the challenges faced by religious minorities in Pakistan, particularly Ahmadis, who have endured targeted persecution for years. This collaboration between law enforcement agencies and extremist elements is disheartening, reflecting a disturbing trend of hatred and intolerance. It serves as a stark reminder of the obstacles encountered by religious minorities and the urgent need for their protection and security.

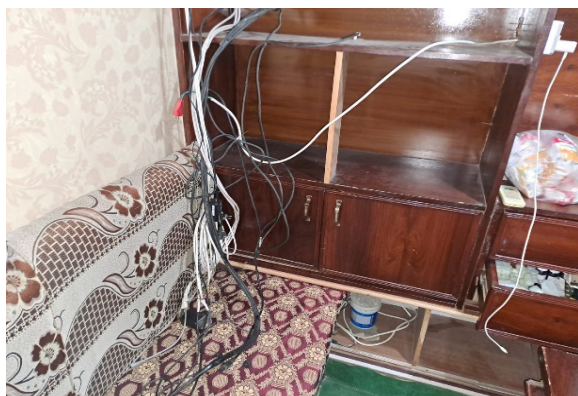
In response to this incident, the spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan expressed, *“The administration’s decision to demolish the minarets of our Place of Worship, instead of safeguarding the Ahmadis, is deeply disheartening and a blatant infringement on the rights of the Ahmadiyya Community. It is distressing to witness such actions taken to appease hate mongers, undermining the principles of religious freedom and tolerance.”*

The spokesperson further stated, *“We would like to highlight that the Supreme Court, through SMC No. 1 of 2014<sup>1</sup>, issued guidelines for the protection of places of worship, emphasizing the establishment of a specialized police force for their security. We urge the authorities to uphold these guidelines, thoroughly investigate this incident, and hold those responsible accountable for their actions. The Ahmadiyya Community remains steadfast in its commitment to peace, harmony, and the motto of ‘Love for All, Hatred for None.’”*



We call upon the global community to condemn the limitations on religious freedom and pressurize the Pakistani government to swiftly implement measures ensuring the safety and security of Ahmadis. Additionally, upholding the fundamental rights of all individuals, including Ahmadis, will foster an inclusive society and bring long-term benefits to Pakistan. Together, let us advocate for equality, justice, and the protection of religious minorities.

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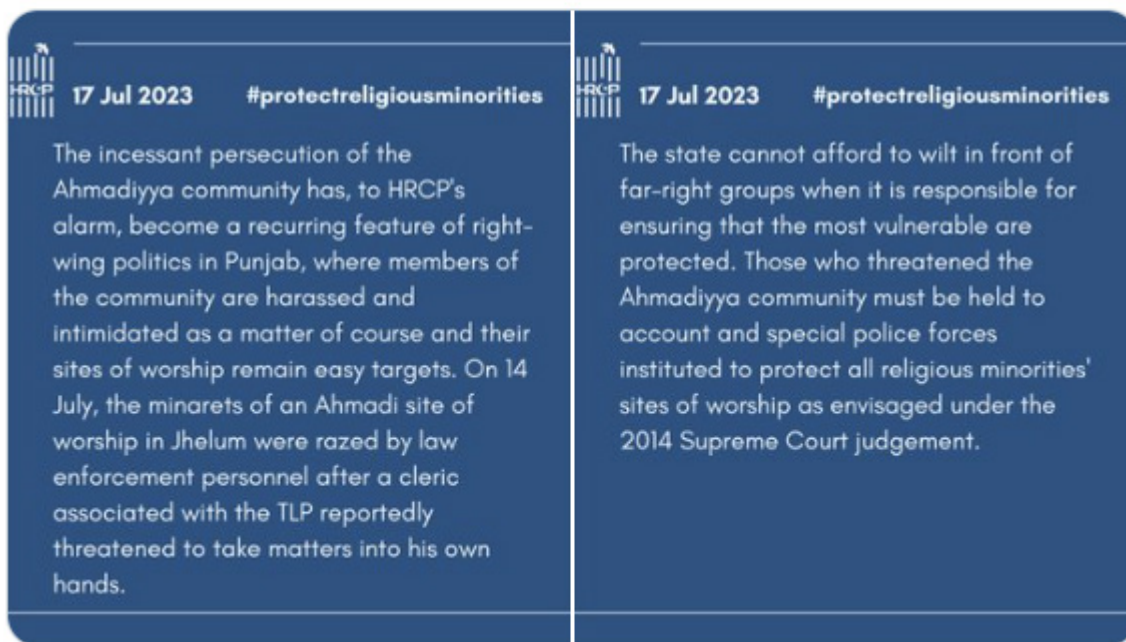


<sup>1</sup>. <https://www.refworld.org/pdfid/550e57644.pdf>

It is noteworthy and must be placed on record that the Punjab authorities undertook this sacrilege a week after the following important pronouncement of the statutory body, National Commission for Human Rights:<sup>1</sup>



HRCP, an independent prestigious human rights commission was quick to take notice of this incident in Jhelum, and tweeted the following on July 17, 2023<sup>2</sup>:



1. <https://x.com/nchrofficial/status/1676837704276004864?s=20>  
2. <https://x.com/HRCP87/status/1680799421163012096?s=20>

The ANI, in its update on this incident on July 17<sup>1</sup>, added the following rather suggestively: “Meanwhile, the TLP has stated that they had informed the police about their sentiments in accordance with

the Constitution and law, and the police took action on their own, adding that no individual took the law into their own hands. (ANI)”

## ANIMOSITY AGAINST AHMADIS IN AJK

**Dolian Jattan, District Kotli; July 2023:** Two junior officials claiming affiliation with the ISI visited the Ahmadiyya mosque and relayed a message purportedly from the TLP, demanding the removal of minarets and the niche. Ahmadis clarified that the minarets were destroyed in 1994 and remained unchanged. They also confirmed compliance with the directive to cover the niche by the deadline of July 16, 2023. Additionally, the officials sought information regarding the number of Ahmadis and households in the area.

In a separate incident, a social media user operating under the name “Master Abdul Haq” shared a threatening message regarding the minarets of an

Ahmadi place of worship in Dolian Jattan, District Kotli. Tehreek Labaik issued an ultimatum, demanding the demolition of the minarets by Muharram 9. Failure to comply would result in the group taking action on Muharram 10, with the administration bearing responsibility.

Furthermore, on July 21, 2023, a group of TLP activists visited a non-Ahmadi acquaintance of an Ahmadi local official, inquiring persistently about the official’s whereabouts. Despite the official’s absence, the group continued to probe for information about him at other locations.

Further details on page on page 110 and 115.

## POLICE BUSY DEMOLISHING MINARETS IN VEHARI

**District Vehari; July 2023:** The police came to the Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak No. 543 EB, and told Ahmadis that the public has objections to the minarets of their mosque. They told Ahmadis to demolish these. Ahmadis asked the police to show them an official order, which they failed to produce. Ahmadis made it clear to them that they would not undertake such an act themselves.

The community elders finally told the police that they will not destroy the minarets and niche of their mosque. So, on July 24, the DSP and SHO came over to the village. Ahmadis asked non-Ahmadi elders to come over too. When the police repeated their demand, these elders opposed the demand and supported the Ahmadis, and told the police that they were disturbing the peace of the village. The police, however, were not dissuaded. So, Ahmadis told

them that they would further consult the concerned people. The issue remains open. *Further details on page 96.*

Similarly, the police, on the demand of extremists, pressurized Ahmadis to remove the minarets of their mosque in Chak No. 373 EB, in the same district. They made Ahmadis comply with their demand by covering up the minarets with some sort of structure around them. *Further on page 94.*



Chak No. 373 EB

<sup>1</sup>: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/pakistan-police-demolish-minarets-of-ahmadi-worship-place-in-jhelum-after-tlp-threats2023072095158/>

## VANDALS DESTROY THE MINARETS OF PLACE OF WORSHIP

The daily Dawn; July 25, 2023: The following news item was published in the daily Dawn:<sup>1</sup>

### Ahmadi place of worship vandalized in Karachi

Imtiaz Ali

An Ahmadi place of worship was vandalized in Karachi's Drigh Road area within the limits of Shah Faisal Colony, police and spokesperson for the community said on Tuesday.

Korangi Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Tariq Nawaz told [Dawn.com](https://www.dawn.com) that around four persons damaged the minarets on Monday. He said that police had taken cognisance of the matter and asked a member of the community to lodge a first information report (FIR)...

Amir Mehmood, a spokesperson for the Ahmadi community, also said that an application for registering a FIR had been submitted to the police. The spokesperson said around a dozen people had entered the place of worship at around 3:45 pm on Monday and destroyed the minarets with hammers and put "hateful graffiti on the walls".

He recalled that a few months ago, two (Ahmadiyya) places of worship in Sadar and Martin Quarters were vandalised. He said that FIRs were registered in both the cases but police had yet to inform them of the progress in either of them.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dawn.com/news/1266743>

He said that the place of worship in Drigh Road had existed since Pakistan was created. “The government has utterly failed to provide security to Ahmadi places of worship,” Mehmood said.

### **Govt. urged to provide security**

Separately, a press release from the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan spokesperson called on the government to provide security to the community’s places of worship.

Strongly condemning the incident, the spokesperson said the community’s opponents had “crossed all limits of decency” and the “hate campaign against Ahmadis now knows no bounds”...

The spokesperson said Ahmadis were feeling “an extreme sense of insecurity” while living in their own homeland, and the actions of hatemongers were ruining the country’s international image.

“It is high time that such hate mongers are put behind bars so they cannot undermine the fabric of religious harmony in the country any further.”...

The press release said it was the government’s responsibility to arrange security for the community’s worship places so miscreants were unable to harm them.

### **Anti-Ahmadi drive invites UN bodies’ ire**

The drive against the Ahmadi community, which has become a regular feature in Punjab, is not only bringing a bad name to the country, but also inviting the ire of UN bodies...

A poster floated by the social media wing of the TLP in Sarai Alamgir, a town near Jhelum, said: “From Shaandar Chowk to the Qadiani Centre, all minarets will be demolished.” The drive, the poster said, would commence at 10 am on the 10th of Muharram (July 29) from the TLP’s office in Sarai Alamgir.

On July 14, the TLP pressured police into demolishing minarets of an Ahmadi place of worship in Jhelum. The party’s local chapter later announced that it would demolish minarets of all Ahmadi places of worship in the entire Jhelum district. **Some of these sites are more than a hundred years old.**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) expressed concern over the treatment of Ahmadis in Pakistan and asked the government to respond to allegations of violations of international law. The OHCHR said in its letter: “We would like to bring to the attention of your Excellency’s Government the information we have received concerning growing discrimination and rising incidents of hate speech and incitement to violence against the Ahmadi religious minority in Pakistan, including attacks against places of worship and other acts of intimidation.”

The letter was submitted to Pakistan’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

“We are deeply concerned about this series of violent attacks against the Ahmadi minority, which we have previously addressed in several communications that despite our requests for remedial actions from authorities, the safety of the Ahmadiyya minority continues to deteriorate.” the OHCHR letter said.

## **ANOTHER MALICIOUS COMPLAINT AGAINST AN AHMADIYYA MOSQUE**

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**Sambrial, District Sialkot; July 2023:** Jawad Ahmad a place of worship in Mohallah Kumharan, Sambrial where they have constructed a niche which is against the law and the Constitution (sic). This shows its resemblance to a mosque, there is thus

Farooqi and Advocate Qaisar Sahi submitted an application to the Assistant Commissioner Sambrial in which they stated that Ahmadis had established

anger and fury among Muslims, which can disrupt the peace, they alleged. The complaint concluded with an implicit threat; they demanded the authori-

ties destroy the niche to maintain law and order. For another incident please see on page 97.

## TENSION IN DISTRICT BAHAWALNAGAR—AHMADIYYA MOSQUES UNDER THREAT

**District Bahawalnagar; July 2023:** Opponents filed complaints against Kalima inscription in Ahmadiyya mosques and their minarets and niches. District Bahawalnagar was facing this ordeal as four of its Ahmadiyya mosques were under grave threat—both from the police and the religious bigots.

The opponents demanded the police destroy the niches and minarets of Ahmadiyya mosques in 160 Murad, 168 Murad (*see incident on page 106*), and Chak No. 9 Fordwah. The opponents invited an outsider mulla and attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque but fortunately, they could not succeed in their heinous goal. The DSP Chistian urged the Community to dismantle the niche and minarets voluntarily, but

Ahmadiis declined. Following this, an Ahmadi delegation met with the DC and DPO to express their concerns on the matter, and lodged an application regarding the issue.

In Chak 191-7R, on the direction of the police, Ahmadiis had to cover the minarets, niche, and Kalima inscription by erecting a wall around them.



Chak 191-7 R

## AHMADIYYA MOSQUE VANDALIZED IN SANGHAR CITY

**Sanghar, Sindh; August 5, 2023:** Unidentified miscreants arrived at about midday, and using hammers inflicted damage on the Ahmadiyya mosque in Mali Para.

On August 9, 2023, at approximately 10:30 PM, a

group of six assailants targeted the mosque again. They launched an attack on the dome, causing significant damage to nearly half of its structure.

Sanghar is a district city in Sindh where PPP, led by Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, prevails supreme.



First Incident



Second Incident



## UNIDENTIFIED PERPETRATORS DESTROYED THE MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

**168 Murad, District Bahawalnagar; August 6, 2023:** Since Eid al-Adha this year, the situation is very hostile here, as the campaign against Ahmadis

stances. He appeared considerate, and the matter seemed settled for a while.



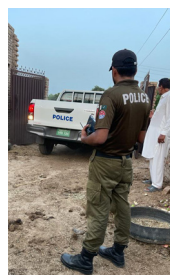
has become more intense. There were continuous threats to destroy the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque and announcements for agitation and mob attacks were frequently made. Ahmadis informed the authorities. They even met the DPO Bahawalnagar and informed him about the egregious circum-

On August 6, 2023, around 11 PM at night, the opponents attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque and demolished the minarets. Ahmadis immediately informed the police about the incident. The police arrived and after inspection, registered an FIR against unknown miscreants.

## POLICE DESTROY THE MINARETS OF ANOTHER AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

**Chak No. E.R 373, District Vehari; August 8, 2023:** Earlier, the opponents demanded the demolition of the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque. The minarets were covered on the instructions of the police.

On August 8, 2023, the police sent for Ahmadiyya delegation including the local president, and after discussing the matter, sent them back. Before Ahmadis could reach their village, the police arrived, destroyed the minarets and took the debris with them.



## OFFICIALS INTERFERE WITH AHMADIS' FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

**Kasur; August 2023:** On August 11, opponents did anti-Ahmadiyya graffiti inscriptions at 7 locations in Model Bazar here in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque. They wrote: Ahmadis were out of the pale of Islam; they cannot call themselves Muslim; they cannot adopt Islamic practices; etc. (translation).

Ahmadis informed the district police chief. The same night, authorities had the graffiti effaced.

Having done that they asked Ahmadis to leave the mosque, and they left. However, a week later, on August 18, security officials came over and knocked at the mosque door when the ritual Friday prayer was in progress. They stated that they had orders to close the mosque immediately and the

worshippers should leave.

One of these officials conveyed that Ahmadis should talk to the SHO if needed. Ahmadis have experienced the latter to be harsh with them. He pressurizes Ahmadis to have his way, and has twice threatened to close down the mosque.

Ahmadis of Kasur are greatly upset and disturbed.



## POLICE GETS RELIGIOUS INSCRIPTIONS DESTROYED IN AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

**Bhera, District Sargodha, Punjab; August 12, 2023:** Ahmadis here were undertaking essential repairs in the residence of the local missionary, semi-detached with the Ahmadiyya mosque. Mulla protested and demanded that the construction work be stopped and the minarets demolished.

The next day, on July 24, the AC Bhera and DPO sent for Ahmadis. Mulla and media personnel were also present there. The administration appeared helpless in their presence, and Ahmadis were made to sign an agreement.



On August 12, 2023, the AC, DSP, SHO, and CEO visited the Ahmadiyya mosque and ordered the committee workers to remove the inscriptions of “Al Hukmulillah” and “La Ghaliba Illaallah”. They

demolished these inscriptions in the presence of the police. It is noteworthy that they had earlier removed Kalima from the same mosque.

## POLICE DESTROYED MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Chak No. 543 E.B, District Vehari; August 13-14, 2023:** The SHO Machiwal visited the Ahmadiyya mosque here on July 22 and said that TLP activists had complained against the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque. He insisted that Ahmadis demolish the minarets and told them that the TLP workers had otherwise threatened to demolish these themselves. After two days, the police again told Ahmadis to demolish the minarets and threatened them to face consequences. After a discussion with the police, abiding by their instructions, Ahmadis covered the minarets with the help of fiber sheets.



On August 13, the DSP Burewala and SHO Machiwal came again to visit the Ahmadiyya mosque and took the Secretary General Affairs with them to the police station. They pressurized him to destroy the minarets and treated him harshly. Moreover, they threatened him with detention for 60 days. Meanwhile, some other Ahmadis also went to the police station along with an Ahmadi advocate Mr. Sarwar Khan. The policemen got annoyed on the legality of their demand and sent them out of the police station. Then the police themselves drafted a statement and forced Ahmadis to sign it. Later that night around 2 PM, one police officer and two laborers arrived at the Ahmadiyya mosque and destroyed the minarets with the help of a cutter. Later in the morning, the SHO Machiwal visited the Ahmadiyya mosque and got the remains of the minarets removed in his presence.



It is noteworthy that the mosque was built in 1963— long before the Ordinance XX.



## MOSQUE VANDALIZED BY AUTHORITIES THREE DAYS AFTER THE JARANWALA HORROR

**Sambrial, District Sialkot; August 18, 2023:** The police and civil administration at the demand of the Tehreek-e-Labaik Pakistan (TLP) undertook the demolition of the niche of the Ahmadi place of worship on the night of August 18.

Earlier, the TLP filed a demand with the authorities against the niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque. On 14 August, Independence Day, a few mulla called on the AC and threatened that if the authorities failed, they will demolish the niche. Thereafter the AC, DSP and SHO sent for Ahmadis and told them to demolish the niche. Ahmadis refused to comply with this unlawful directive.

Thereafter on the night of August 18, a dozen officials blocked the street from both sides and started breaking the niche. The municipal employees took the debris with them.

Subsequently, on August 26, the police returned and demolished the remaining arch.

This desecration of the Ahmadiyya mosque was undertaken by the authorities three days after the

mob rampage in Jaranwala, which brought a bad name to the Pakistani state and society worldwide. The Caretaker PM stated firmly: **“No compromise on minorities’ rights. Miscreants will be brought to justice definitely.”** This is easier said than done. Amir Rana, a well-known intellectual wrote an op-ed for the daily Dawn, with the title: **Intention needs actions**<sup>1</sup>. Its theme was summed up in the top line: **A moderate image needs societal transformation, which in turn requires humanization.**



First Incident



Second Incident

## THREATS TO AHMADIYYA MOSQUES IN JHANG

**Jhang, August 22, 2023:** Ahmadi seniors received a phone call from the police station, Jhang Sadr, telling them to come over to the Ahmadiyya worship place in Mohallah Piranwala. The district secretary (public affairs) went there. An official there told him that the TLP deputy Amir, Usman Gujjar had sent in a complaint against the minarets and niches of the Ahmadiyya worship places in Piranwala and on Bhakkar Rd. They demanded the removal of any similarity of these places with Islamic mosques.

While inspecting the worship place and making a video of its interior and exterior he remarked that there was nothing objectionable, and the locals

were not demanding their demolition.

The Ahmadi secretary told him that this mosque was built before the Partition, and no extension has been undertaken since then. Also, the locals had no complaints about these. In 1988, a group destroyed the Kalima from the exterior; the damaged wall was not repaired to avoid any mischief.

Thereafter, the official interviewed the next-door non-Ahmadi neighbor who told him that Ahmadis were in good terms with the locals and they all enjoyed good mutual relations.

Then these people went over to the Ahmadiyya

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dawn.com/news/1271126>

mosque, Bhakkar Rd. The official took pictures of the mosque and talked to the locals who expressed

mutual harmony with Ahmadis.

## MOSQUE VANDALISM AND INJUSTICE IN SANGHAR

**Chak No. 24, District Sanghar; Aug 27, 2023:** In Chak No. 24, District Sanghar, there is an Ahmadiyya Community mosque situated on the agricultural farm owned by Dr. Azhar Iqbal, the District President of the Ahmadiyya Community in Sanghar, and his brother, Mr. Mazhar Iqbal, who is the Director of Waqf e Jadid in Rabwah. This mosque has been a longstanding part of the community. Renovation work began in July due to its deteriorating condition, but opponents filed a complaint with the police to dismantle its arch and minarets. Despite its historical significance, vandals attempted to set the mosque ablaze during mob attacks. The local DPO and SHO inspected the area, sealing the mosque. Despite this, both brothers were unjustly charged

on July 4, 2023. Facing threats and imminent arrest, Mr. Azhar Iqbal reluctantly allowed his adversaries to proceed unchecked.



Consequently, on August 27, 2023, a group of opponents vandalized the mosque’s mehrab, encouraged by the lack of resistance.

## PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE BY STATE OFFICIALS

**Sheikhupura, August 28, 2023:** Almost a thousand activists of notorious TLP gathered outside the DPO’s office and agitated against the Ahmadiyya mosque. They demanded that the minarets of all the Ahmadiyya mosques in the entire district should be demolished. They had invited leading TLP mulla from nearby districts who informed the crowd of their great achievements in Hafizabad, Gujrat,

Jhelum, etc. In the meantime, officials of security agencies kept on visiting the Ahmadiyya mosque off and on. The crowd dispersed in the evening after giving the ultimatum that if the police do not do the demolition till 11 Rabiul Awwal (late September) they will do it themselves.

Thereafter the security chief came over to the



Before



After

mosque, where the Jamaat elders told him of the Jamaat stand on the issue. They told him that the security of Ahmadis and their worship places is the responsibility of the state, and the authorities till then had done a good job (in Sheikhupura city), that should continue. Ahmadis would extend them co-operation and best wishes. He appeared not very optimist.

On August 30, the district security chief came to the mosque and talked of the possibility of demolition. Ahmadis tried to dissuade him. Later, at about 11 p.m., security personnel came over, switched off the electric supply to the entire neighborhood, as well as to the security cameras, and using a cutter destroyed the minarets of the worship place.

## KALIMA IN AHMADIYYA MOSQUE OVER-PAINTED BLACK

**Shadiwal, District Gujrat; August 29, 2023:** Ahmadiyya mosque of Shadiwal was built in 1983. A TLP activist took a photo of the Kalima (Islamic creed) written in the yard of the mosque and filed an application with the Kunjah police station, and demanded its erasure.

An Ahmadi delegation went to meet the SHO of P.S. Kunjah. He told Ahmadis to either erase the Kalima or make it invisible from outside. The roof of the courtyard of the mosque is made of fiber, it was raised so high that the Kalima and other sacred writings could not be seen from outside. However, the SHO was not satisfied, he insisted on erasure of the Kalima, to which the Ahmadiyya delegation refused compliance and said that they will not allow

any civilian to do so.

On August 29, 2023, at around noon, the police and special branch officials came to the mosque and said that the TLP had given an ultimatum for August 30. On this, they were shown that the Kalima and other sacred writings were not visible to anyone from outside. However, they called a labourer working in a nearby building and got the Kalima and other writings blackened.

At this time the SHO P.S. Kunjah, the in-charge police post and a representative of the Special Branch were present there.

*For the second incident please see page 101.*



Before



After

## POLICE BLACKEN KALIMA AND DESTROY IT THE NEXT DAY

**Chooknawali, District Gujrat; August 29, 2023:** The local Ahmadiyya mosque was built in the 1960s.

Eleven Ahmadi families live here. There was no opposition in the village. People join on occasions of

happiness and sadness. However, a person who is not a local came to the village to sell some eatables. He saw the Ahmadiyya mosque, and in league with TLP filed a report in Kunjah police station objecting to its construction. An Ahmadiyya delegation called on the SHO. He told Ahmadis to erase the Kalima, on which the delegation stated their position.

On the afternoon of August 29, the Assistant Commissioner contacted Waleed Ahmed, son of the local Ahmadiyya president, and asked him to erase the Kalima, and added that if he did not do so, there was a fear that the next day these people would

and destroy the minarets and niche, and thus do more damage. The Ahmadi youth refused to do as told. Later, after 11:00 pm, the police came to the mosque, knocked on the door of the Ahmadi house in front of the worship place and told the resident Ahmadi youth to erase the Kalima. On his refusal, an official painted the Kalima black, and took pictures.

This action likely did not satisfy the opponents, prompting the police to return to the mosque the following day, on August 30, to damage the Kalima with a hammer and remove the debris.



First Incident



Second Incident

come in a procession, enter your place of worship

## MULLA TARGET AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN LAHORE

**Islamia Rd; August 2023:** Ahmadis had undertaken repairs to the depleted sections of their mosque here. One evening, they checked their security cameras; they showed that someone had undertaken recce and photography of the mosque at mid-day. This lout turned out to be the same who had quarrelled with an Ahmadi official last year and had threatened to kill him.

Ahmadis considered it appropriate to inform the police. The police sent for this fellow, and he turned up accompanied by 20 mulla. They took the position that a criminal case should be registered against Ahmadis for having minarets in their worship place.

The police decided to visit the worship place, in the company of three mulla. They found nothing objectionable at the site.

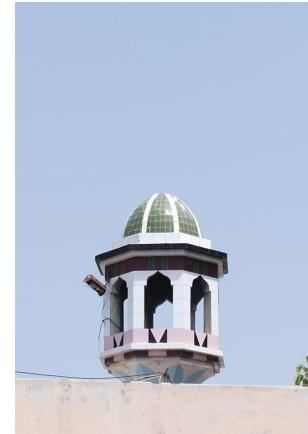
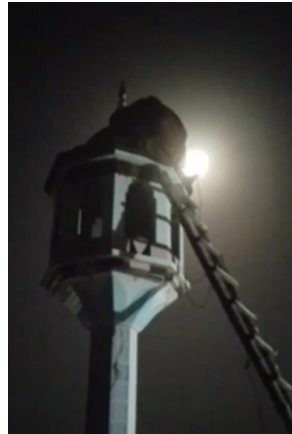
The mulla at the P.S. seemed unhappy with the youth for being indiscreet, not consulting them, and not being first in reporting to the police.

Mulla, in fact, had planned to agitate in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque on a Friday creating a law and order problem to worsen Ahmadis. Most of them were from the nearby neighborhood of Sham Nagar where they had succeeded in getting the Ahmadiyya center closed.

## PUNJAB POLICE DEFILE MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

**79 Nawan Kot, District Sheikhpura; September 1, 2023:** We reported in August's news report that TLP activists protested in front of the DPO Office in Sheikhpura and demanded that the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosques be demolished.

On September 1, 2023, the police partially destroyed the minarets of the local Ahmadiyya mosque. They removed the steel ornaments from these minarets; however, they still stand there with damaged aesthetics.



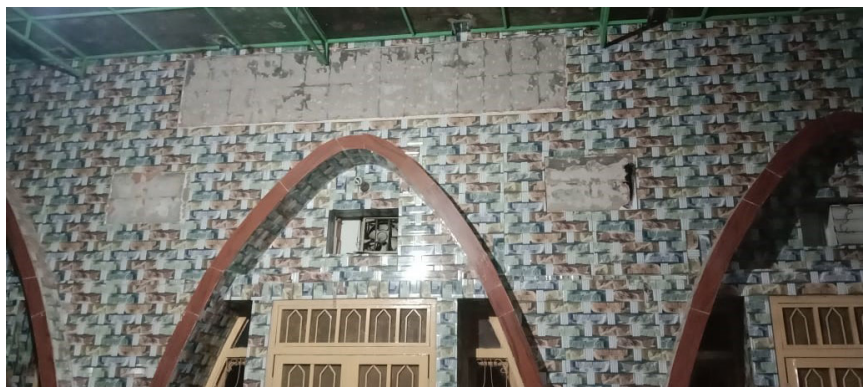
## FOLLOW UP: POLICE BLACKENED KALIMA ON AHMADIYYA MOSQUES IN GUJRAT

**District Gujrat; September 2, 2023:** On August 29, 2023, the police, on behest of TLP activists, blackened the pious inscriptions at Ahmadiyya mosques of Chooknawali and Shadiwal, District Gujrat.

On September 2, 2023, Ahmadis were told by the authorities to come to the DCO office. Along with DCO and DPO, members of District Peace Committee were also present. DCO told the delegation that four complaints were filed against Ahmadiyya mosque in their respective police stations. These four places included Shadiwal, Chooknawali, Aalam Garh and Fateh Pur. He told them to deal with these objections with mutual consent. One of the members of Peace Committee said that they have no objection to any activity in the premises of Ahmadiyya mosques. The Ahmadiyya delegation replied that they had objection to the blackening of the pious

inscriptions by the police. The DCO replied that the police had not undertaken any such activity and Ahmadis had done it. He further told Ahmadis to do the same at all other locations and said that the police would be there only to provide security. The Ahmadis made it clear that police committed this atrocity and Ahmadis were not involved in any such activity nor they will undertake such action. The DCO responded that Ahmadis would have to do this, as his job is only to maintain peace in the district. The meeting concluded without any agreement.

Later that night, the police destroyed the inscriptions from the Ahmadiyya mosque in Shadiwal, which were blackened earlier by them in August. The Kalima at the other mosque in Chooknawali had already been destroyed on Aug 29.





## AHMADIYYA HALL ATTACKED AGAIN

**Karachi; September 04, 2023:** A violent mob broke the minarets, vandalized the Ahmadiyya worship place, and raised inciting slogans against Ahmadis in Sadar area of this provincial capital. Some of them even beat up Ahmadis at the place of worship. This is the second time that the TLP extremists attacked this place of worship during this year. The Friday Times published the following story:<sup>1</sup>

### Mob Demolishes Minarets Of Ahmadi Place Of Worship In Karachi

**September 4, 2023**

A mob stormed an Ahmadi place of worship in Karachi's main business district on Monday afternoon and demolished its minarets.

Later, police apprehended and booked three suspects.

Mobs gathered in the Magazine Line, Sadar in Karachi on Monday afternoon shortly after the Zuhr prayers. They stormed the Ahmadi place of worship called Ahmadiyya Hall located in Magazine Line, Sadar.

Armed with hammers, at least four men climbed to the top of the structure where minarets were erected and destroyed them.



Meanwhile, in the narrow street below, a mob gathered on either side, blocking the street, and chanted slogans of Khatam-e-Nabuwat.

The mob then dispersed only to gather outside the worship place a short while later in greater numbers.

Local journalist Arshad Yousafzai said that the Ahmadi place of worship was located just a few streets away from the Preedy Police Station in Sadar, but no police officers could be seen on site.

The police did appear when the mobs reappeared and arrested some people.

Later, Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab, who had studied at the nearby BVS Parsi High School, stated that three people had been apprehended while police was taking further action.

Yousafzai said that this was the second time the place of worship had been attacked this year. The first attack came on February 3, 2023, when a group of men barged into the worship place and demolished minarets.

<sup>1</sup> <https://thefridaytimes.com/04-Sep-2023/mob-demolishes-minarets-of-ahmadi-place-of-worship-in-karachi>

A representative of the Ahmadiyya Community stated that the mob also vandalized the place of worship apart from the destruction of the minarets and beat up innocent Ahmadis inside the worship place. He also confirmed that this was the second time the site had been attacked this year.

**Destroying Minarets On Worship Place: Ahmadi Community Expresses Concern Over Nexus Between Extremists, Police**

“Ahmadiyya community’s place of worship was vandalized by extremists in Karachi today, just mere weeks after the tragic Jaranwala incident,” the representative added, noting that Caretaker Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar had promised that the state would stand with the oppressed yet the state was nowhere to be seen.

“Prime Minister Kakar you said the state will be with the oppressed. It’s time to make good on your word and send a strong signal to everyone that Pakistan stands with its vulnerable communities.”

The representative added that the worship place had been attacked earlier this year in February and an FIR was registered but the culprits were let go of. “If prompt action was taken back then, today’s attack could have been deterred,” the representative added.

“Extremely sad how mobs using religion as an excuse for their bigotry are damaging our beloved country’s image.”

He added that this was the second time this year the place of worship had been attacked. The first attack came on February 3, 2023, when a group of men had barged into the worship place and demolished minarets.

## AUTHORITIES HARASS AHMADIS IN KASUR

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**Bhulair, District Kasur; September 2023:** In the separate Ahmadiyya cemetery, sacred inscriptions were written on two graves. The opponents tried to raze the inscriptions in a clandestine manner. A desecration attempt was also made against the local Ahmadiyya worship place. When this attempt was not successful, they tried to take down the above-mentioned sacred inscriptions. When the matter was brought to the attention of the DPO, he forwarded the matter to the DSP, on which the DSP called the Ahmadiyya delegation.

Later on September 4, Ahmadiyya delegation appeared before the committee formed by DC Kasur under the chairmanship of Assistant Commissioner. He first asked about the worship place case,

on which he was told that the matter had been resolved at the behest of DC Kasur.

A member of the committee said that a complaint has been received against Ahmadis that they put up a minaret and took it down when an official visited. The DSP said that they will visit the village themselves. So, the committee visited the worship place and the cemetery. On this occasion, a member said that the worship place should be visited from inside. On which Ahmadiyya representatives as well as the SHO also said that this is not allowed. On this, the man climbed to the nearby roof and looked. On the next day of the visit, the Ahmadiyya delegation was again called and told to remove the gravestones.

## AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN SINDH UNDER THREAT

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**Goth Misan, District Larkana, Sindh; September, 2023:** The opponents here are actively participat-

ing in anti-Ahmadiyya activities. Celebrating September 7, an opponent Naveed Ahmad wall-chalked

against Ahmadis and then erased it himself to file a complaint against Ahmadis and get a police case registered. He went to the police station and alleged that Ahmadis pester him. He also stated that Ahmadis had constructed minarets and niche in their worship place. When the inspector refused to take any action, they went to the DSP. Along with DSP and SHO, the opponents came to the Ahmadi-

yya mosque. The Ahmadis who were present there met the officials. The opponents insisted the minarets and niche be demolished. The police called both parties to the police station, but the issue remained unresolved. The opponents actively indulge in anti-Ahmadi activities and are now trying to raise the issue with the SSP.

## NICHE AND MINARETS OF THE AHMADIYYA WORSHIP PLACE DEMOLISHED BY POLICE IN LAHORE

**Shahdara town, District Lahore; September 9, 2023:** The police broke the niche and minarets of the Ahmadiyya worship place here.

A group of clerics, accompanied by policemen, came along and demanded demolition of the niche. The police was referred to the recent decision of the Lahore High Court by Ahmadis and told that the High Court has ruled that any alteration in the building of Ahmadiyya worship places built before 1984 is prohibited. This worship place was built back in 1947.

However, the police insisted that the niche will have to be demolished to control the crowd and maintain public order. After some discussion, it was decided to build a wall around the niche to protect it. When laborers were brought in to build the wall, the clerics created a barrier and insisted on breaking the niche. Thereafter the police closed the street from both sides, and with the help of some laborers, demolished the niche and minarets, which were already covered with a wall. A viral video of the incident clearly shows that the police was supervising the operation.



## POLICE VISITS AHMADIYYA MOSQUE ON FALSE ACCUSATION OF JUI

**Nazar Mohallah, Larkana, Sindh; September 13, 2023:** Some policemen visited Baitut Tauheed, an Ahmadiyya mosque here, and informed that the activists of Jamiat Ulema e Islam (JUI) has complained that Ahmadis are conducting certain community activities in the premises of Baitut Tauheed, and they

are alluring people to send them abroad. They further inquired about the whereabouts of Mr. Naeem Abro, the District Ameer of Ahmadiyya Community Larkana.

In this situation, the Ahmadiyya delegation went to the police station and met the SHO. The police

officials revealed that a Maulvi Abdul Qadir had complained against Ahmadis. The delegation clarified that no such activities were held in the mosque.

They again inquired about Mr. Naeem Abro, who was out of the city.

## MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEMOLISHED UNDER OFFICIAL SUPERVISION

**Chak No. 183 Murad, District Bahawalpur; September 13, 2023:** TLP activist had filed a complaint with the police in Hasilpur police station against the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque here. The situation was made tense for over a month. The AC and SHO visited the mosque and the AC called for Ahmadiyya delegation to Hasilpur. He told them to demolish the minarets but the delegation refused to follow these unlawful instructions. The AC and SHO kept on pressurizing Ahmadis to demolish the minarets or cover them up.

On September 13, 2023, the DSP called for the Ahmadiyya delegation and told them to demolish the minarets. The Ahmadis again refused to comply. Some three to four policemen from Choonawala police check-post came to the Ahmadiyya mosque, entered the premises, switched off the lights and security cameras and closed the roads for any traffic. Meanwhile, two non-Ahmadis climbed to the roof of Ahmadiyya mosque and demolished the minarets in the presence of the police.



## AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEFILED IN POLICE PRESENCE IN DISTRICT SHEIKHUPURA

**District Sheikhpura; September 14, 2023:** On September 14, 2023, the TLP activists partially destroyed the minaret of Ahmadiyya Darul Zikar in Narang Mandi, District Sheikhpura, in the presence of the police. Meanwhile, after conversation with the police, Ahmadis covered the minarets with a sheet. The opponents had filed a complaint with the authorities to demolish these minarets. However, the authorities took no action



at first, but now watched silently while the miscreants undertook this enormity.

The mosque stands in the town since 1942. In response to the complaint by the opponents, Ahmad-

is informed the authorities that the mosque was built long before the promulgation of anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX, in fact before the partition of the subcontinent.

## POLICE DEMOLISH THE MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN BAHAWALNAGAR

**168 Murad, District Bahawalnagar; September 2023:** There is an ongoing hate campaign here against the Ahmadiyya community and situation is getting worse by the day. Threats were being issued to demolish the minaret and niche of the Ahmadiyya worship place.

On August 6, 2023, around 11:00 pm, the opponents attacked Ahmadiyya worship place and tried to demolish the minaret. An FIR was registered

against unknown persons. On the night between 15 and 16 September 2023, TMA employees in civilian clothes demolished the minaret under the supervision of the police. A call was immediately made to 15 so that the matter could be recorded. The police had also blocked all the ways leading towards the Ahmadiyya worship place so that no video could be made.



## SECOND ATTACK IN A YEAR: AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN KARACHI VANDALIZED AGAIN

**Martin Road, Karachi; September 21, 2023:** A distressing incident occurred at an Ahmadiyya Muslim mosque located on Martin Road in Karachi. At approximately 12:30 PM, a group of 15-20 assailants launched an unprovoked attack on the mosque premises. One assailant gained entry into the mosque by using a ladder to open the main gate,

facilitating the entry of the other attackers.

The attackers proceeded to vandalize the mosque, smashing windows, breaking doors, and damaging lights, tables, and chairs. Additionally, sacred images of holy personages of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community were defaced. The assailants

also looted some belongings and documents from the mosque before fleeing the scene.



## POLICE DEMOLISH MINARETS, DESPITE PROTEST BY LOCAL NON-AHMADIS

**Kirto, District Sheikhpura; September, 2023:** Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) demanded the police to demolish the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque here. Around 50 of local villagers belonging to Ahle Sunnat and Shia community, testified on stamp-paper that people of all religious identities including Ahmadis live peacefully in the village in religious harmony. They added that the Ahmadiyya mosque was built in 1963, long before the anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance of 1984 and they had no objection to the architectural features of the building. The authorities should refrain from demolishing the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque and thereby not harm their sentiments, they requested in their application.

On September 20, nine local senior representatives met the RPO and submitted the above-mentioned stamp paper as request. He phoned DPO Sheikhpura

and told him that these people would visit him and he should listen carefully to their issues. The above-mentioned representatives then had a meeting with the DPO and informed him of the whole situation. Upon this, the DPO replied that if the locals had no objection, there was no need for any action.

On September 21, around 50-60 miscreants of TLP went to the local elderly and asked him to stop helping Ahmadis. They suggested that it seemed he himself had become an Ahmadi. The old man did not entertain them and replied that they had no religious pact with Ahmadis, except a treaty of peace. This did not satisfy the hate-mongers and they left chanting anti-Ahmadiyya slogans as they passed by



the Ahmadiyya mosque. Some decent non-Ahmadis were there to provide security to the mosque. The mob did not stop at this but went to the farmhouse of a former Chairman. They tried to convince him to stop supporting Ahmadis. He scolded them and said that he could not do so as these people want to disrupt the peace of the village. He told them to not show up again in the village. The mob left dejected.

On September 23, the DPO called for the Ahmadiyya delegation and told them that this issue had been highlighted on social media. He further told them that according to the situation, the Ahmadis' non-compliance would start riots all over the country. He said that it was up to Ahmadis whether they wanted to get their whole mosque demolished or just its minarets. He said that one of the above actions had become inevitable. The Ahmadi delegation, shocked on this unjust proposal, clarified that they are peaceful citizens and the miscreants who were committing such activities to disrupt peace are the ones who had to be stopped. The DPO said that the police was required to act. So, after the evening prayer, a police contingent arrived from Narang Mandi who initially stated that they were only there to provide security. Later around 21:30, some



policemen along with the SHO came and destroyed the upper portions of the minarets with sledgehammers and told the Ahmadis to cover the rest.

The TLP left no stone unturned in hatred towards Ahmadis. The police, despite a written statement from the locals, seemed helpless facing the TLP activists and committed this enormity on their behest. This is another incident where the police yielded in front of the unlawful request of religious bigots and failed to provide security to the religious property of its citizens—which is a fundamental right. It has become a routine that the extremists use mobs to threaten the authorities to get their unlawful demands implemented. They almost every time receive compliance.

## POLICE GETS THE MINARET OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEMOLISHED BY THE OPPONENTS

**Nanu Dogar, District Lahore; September 23, 2023:** The SHO Sharaqpur police station phoned the president of the Ahmadiyya community here and told him the need of an urgent meeting. The SHO came

to his house and said that he had to demolish the minaret of the Ahmadiyya mosque as he had no other option. The president referred to the recent verdict of High Court in favour of Ahmadis. He said





that he had also read that, and found no distinction between old and new minarets in it (sic). He said that Ahmadis are not allowed to use Islamic symbols, whatsoever. The local Ahmadi president said that he could not decide this on his own as there were eight families residing there in the village. At this, the SHO said that anyone with an objection should come and talk to him. He gave the president half an hour to think about it. He said that he was arranging labour to do the task and told that they would undertake this act late at night when the people would be asleep.

Afterwards, the SHO along with the opponents,

entered the mosque by breaking the lock and started destroying the minaret. The local Ahmadi president phoned him and reminded him of what he said earlier about arranging the labour to undertake this act; he further said that the people who were involved in this were none other than the opponents of the Jamaat. The SHO rudely replied that he had asked Ahmadis to do it themselves and he could not ask government employees to do such a thing. The opponents destroyed the minaret and left the scene chanting slogans “Long live the End of Prophethood” and “Long live Tehreek e Labbaik”.

## MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEMOLISHED IN BAIDADPUR VIRKAN

**Baidadpur Virkan, District Sheikhpura; September 24, 2023:** In the backdrop of TLP’s protest in front of DPO Office Sheikhpura on August 28, and their ultimatum to destroy the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque in the district by 11 Rabi-ul-Awwal, on September 24, during dark hours, the police de-

stroyed the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque of Baidadpur Virkan. This mosque was also built before the anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance of 1984.

Despite the verdict of the honorable High Court, the police undertook this enormity, afraid of TLP activists.





## MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEMOLISHED IN KOTLI

**Dolian Jattan, District Kotli, AJK; November 24, 2023:** The opponents demanded the removal of minarets, niche, and Quranic verses in the local Ahmadiyya mosque and took out a procession. The administration sent for the Ahmadiyya delegation. Ahmadis told the administration that they could never do it themselves and that most of the Ahmadiyya mosques had been constructed before Ordinance XX. Meanwhile, mulla also met the administration and kept putting pressure.

A petition was also filed by the opponents against the Dolian Jattan mosque and demanded the re-

moval of the niche, around which a wall was built to cover it. Now, on November 24, 2023, about 50 miscreants attacked the mosque. No Ahmadi was present there at that time. Some of the attackers went to the roof, others entered inside. They demolished the minarets and damaged the niche. Before the Ahmadis arrived, the miscreants escaped from the site.

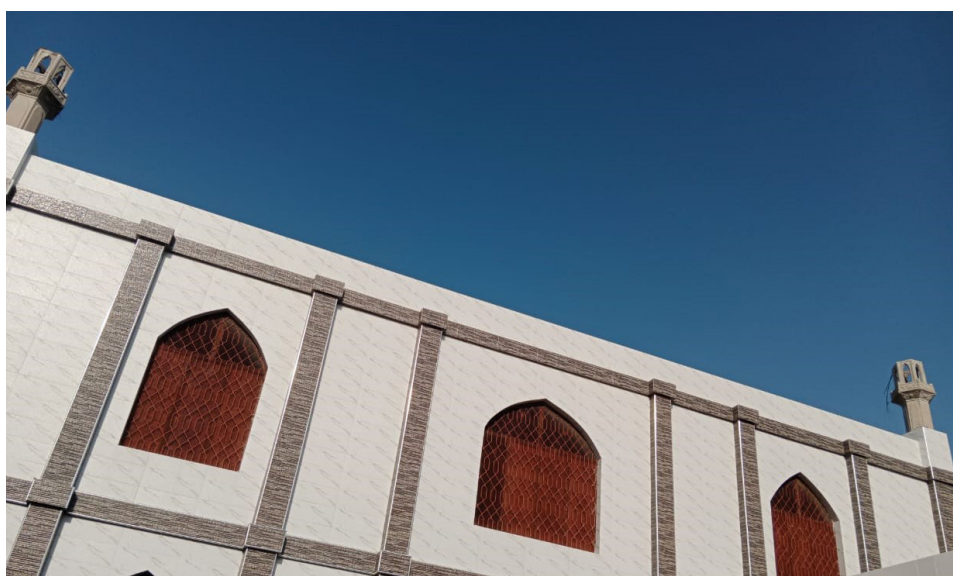
The police came and visited the spot. This mosque was built in 1954, and had previously faced similar attacks in 1994, during which the minarets were also damaged.



## POLICE DESTROY THE MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN DISTRICT SHEIKHUPURA

**Kalsian Bhattian, District Sheikhpura; September 25, 2023:** On the behest of TLP activists, the police

actively participated in damaging the Ahmadiyya mosques in District Sheikhpura. A similar inci-



dent occurred in Kalsian Bhattian where the police cut the upper portion of the minarets. The mosque was built before the anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX

of 1984. The District Police undertook this crime in blatant violation of the High Court verdict.

## UNIDENTIFIED MISCREANTS ATTACKED AHMADIYYA MOSQUE AND DEFILED ITS NICHE

**55/2-L, District Okara; September 26, 2023:** The opponents demanded the demolition of the niche of the local Ahmadiyya mosque. When the police summoned the Ahmadiyya administration, they clarified that the mosque predates Pakistan's independence. However, on the night of September 26, unidentified miscreants attacked the mosque, attempting to destroy the niche but only managing to partially demolish it. The mosque lacks any minarets.

Two days later, on September 29, around 6:00 PM, the opponents re-



*First Incident*



*Second Incident*

turned and completed the destruction of the niche, also damaging the CCTV cameras. The incident was promptly reported to the police, leading to the arrival of the District Police Officer and other senior officials at the site. They assured action upon receiving a formal complaint from the Ahmadis.

## AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEFILED IN DISTRICT JHELUM

**Mahmud Abad, District Jhelum; September 29, 2023:** Approximately 20 religious extremists led by mulla came over to the Ahmadiyya mosque here at about 5:40 p.m. and undertook the demolition of the niche. Ahmadis who made a video of the attack from the roof were stoned by the miscreants. Police were informed by Ahmadis of the incident. They came over and inspected the damage.



## AN ULTIMATUM TO AUTHORITIES OVER AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN KOTLI

**Bhabra, Tatta Pani, District Kotli, AJK; November, 2023:** Following the incident of Dolian Jattan, a peace committee was established. However, efforts for reconciliation were disrupted when local

TLP leader Malik Zaheer orchestrated a rally in Tatta Pani, where he issued a threatening ultimatum to authorities, demanding the destruction of the minarets and niche of an Ahmadiyya mosque in Bhabra

by December 16. The extremists warned of dire consequences if their demands were not met.

Meanwhile, Ahmadis faced social ostracism in Dolian Jattan, as shopkeepers boycotted them, compelling them to travel long distances to purchase essential items. Adding to their plight, the TLP intensified its intimidation tactics, organizing rallies and processions, and plastering anti-Ahmadiyya posters on shops. During a press conference in Tatta Pani, Malik Zaheer reiterated his ultimatum. Sim-

ilar threats were echoed in Aghar during a rally on December 8.

Despite facing mounting pressure, Ahmadis sought legal recourse, filing a police case against the miscreants. However, their efforts were hindered as 19 of the accused secured bail, and opponents sought to quash the FIR through the High Court. Moreover, Ahmadis struggled to find legal representation amidst the prevailing anti-Ahmadiyya sentiments.

## POLICE REMOVED KALIMA FROM AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

**Khakhi, District Multan; December 8, 2023:** SHO Police Station Sadar Shujaabad came over and told Ahmadis to tear down the niche and efface the Kalima written on their mosque. Ahmadis told him that they would not do that themselves. Later, the district Ahmadiyya Amir spoke to the SHO who said that there is a threat to peace; evil-doers are making mischief under this excuse and are planning to take over the mosque.



Thereafter, on December 9, 2023, a police contingent came and erased the Kalima and told Ahmadis that prayers should not be offered there unless the security instructions are followed. Two Ahmadis are permanent residents in the locality. Repairs to the mosque are underway, and one policeman is always there on duty.



## AHMADIYYA MOSQUES IN CROSS-WIRES IN DISTRICT SARGODHA

**Sargodha; December, 2023:** Religious extremists, mirroring actions taken in other Punjab areas, filed complaints against minarets and Islamic features at Ahmadiyya mosques in three villages. In Chak No. 38, opponents planned aggression, prompting Ahmadis to alert Sargodha's Security Incharge and police intervention. Despite a meeting at PS Karana ending in disagreement. A police contingent came

to monitor Chak 38 till the Friday prayer. The opponents in the meantime sent a message to Ahmadis to cover up their minarets. This bizarre wish was not met. Furthermore, requests concerning Ahmadiyya mosques in Thatta Joiya and Hajka led to AC visits, while the district Amir of Ahmadiyya sought a meeting with the DPO.

## A SAMPLE CASE - DESTRUCTION OF MINARETS IN SAMUNDRI, BY AUTHORITIES

**Samundri, District Faisalabad, Punjab; 21/22 December 2023:** District administration and the police jointly destroyed the minarets of the local Ahmadiyya mosque at about midnight.

The Assistant Commissioner (AC) accompanied by the SHO and a dozen policemen arrived at the mosque before sunset and demanded entry. Accordingly, the AC, the SHO, a few policemen, and the person who had initiated the unjustified complaint went inside. There, on inquiry, the complainant replied that he objected only to the minarets. At this, the AC told the Ahmadi present there to send his seniors to his office.

Accordingly, the local Ahmadi president and another went over to the AC's office after the Isha prayer. There they were told that the internal situation was very sensitive and the administration had received orders that peace must be maintained at all costs. The AC conveyed that as for the minarets, the Deputy Commissioner would like them to finish the task the same day. The AC showed the orders to our president but did not provide a copy. The president briefed the AC on Ahmadiyya position and referred to the recent Lahore High Court verdict that the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosques built before 1984 should not be demolished; this worship place was built in 1956. The president also conveyed that Ahmadis would not obstruct official action and knew that in the prevailing circumstances, any dis-

turbance is not in Ahmadiyya interest.

Later, the same evening, the AC sent for the president at 9 pm and said that he had to complete the task at hand that day. "The RPO is here, and I have to report to him that the task is done," he said. He frankly threatened that if Ahmadis cooperated, there would be no problem, but if there was some damage during the action, the responsibility would not lie with the administration.

Accordingly, at about 00:30 on the 21/22 December night, the AC sent for the president to come to the mosque gate and told him to have the gate opened, otherwise, he would break his way in. At this, the gate was opened for them.

The minarets of the Samundri mosque were then destroyed in the presence of the SHO and five policemen. The task was assigned to half a dozen Christian laborers of the town council. They climbed up to the roof to do the destruction. Thereafter, they loaded the debris of the minarets on a vehicle and sent it away.

**This incident warrants further analysis and commentary, which are provided below.**



## BRIEF ANALYSIS AND COMMENT ON SAMUNDRI INCIDENT

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With reference to the salient facts of this regrettable incident of the desecration of Ahmadiyya mosque in Samundri, Faisalabad, the following observations and comments are made.

- The authorities and police officials of District Faisalabad engaged in the desecration, or rather partial destruction, of an Ahmadiyya mosque at the behest of sectarian extremists, despite lacking legal authority or sanction to do so. Pakistan’s Constitution upholds the freedom of faith and the right to maintain places of worship (Art. 20). Moreover, the law (PPC 295) explicitly prohibits “injuring or defiling a place of worship,” prescribing penalties of imprisonment or fines for violators. Thus, those entrusted with upholding the law flagrantly violated it through a deliberate criminal act.
- Neither the Constitution, nor the law, nor the Holy Quran prohibits Ahmadis from having minarets in their places of worship. The only restriction outlined in the law (PPC 298-B) is that Ahmadis cannot refer to their worship places as “Masjid.”
- Pakistan is a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), committing to uphold and implement its various articles within the country. By destroying the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque, the Assistant Commissioner (AC), the Deputy Commissioner (DC), the Regional Police Officer (RPO), the Police Station House Officer (SHO), and others directly violated ICCPR’s Article 18, which guarantees “freedom of thought, conscience, and religion,” as well as “the right to manifest one’s religion or belief in worship.” Pakistan played a significant role in drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and became a signatory to it in 1948, thereby endorsing the freedom of religion for all its citizens, including Ahmadis. The question arises as to whether these officials, who ordered or supervised the violation against the minority, were authorized to infringe upon the fundamental freedoms and rights of Ahmadis. If so, by whom?
- The AC took the plea of law and order, and in this, he had the support of his superiors. One might question which manual instructs civil servants and police to prioritize appeasing miscreants over upholding the human rights of smaller, peaceful individuals and communities. These officials are equipped with ample manpower, tools, and authority to uphold law and order. They receive substantial salaries and are adequately trained to handle miscreants effectively, deterring them from engaging in unlawful acts and violence against peaceful citizens.
- A similar situation arose in Mandi Bahauddin the same month, involving an Ahmadiyya mosque near Shahtaj Sugar Mill. The police there handled the situation with tact and firmness, causing the miscreants to disperse in failure and humiliation. If such an outcome could be achieved in Mandi Bahauddin, why not in Faisalabad?
- It would be reasonable to assert that acceding to all the demands of the clerics while disregarding the Constitution, the law, and international covenants effectively cedes authority to the clerics by the state. In that case, why do these officials continue to hold esteemed positions within the state apparatus? They should yield their positions to the clerics, which would be more logical and appropriate.
- Ahmadis informed these officials that the mosque in question was constructed in 1956, and the Lahore High Court had already ruled that Ahmadiyya mosques built before 1984 (when

anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX was enacted) were not subject to defacement. The Assistant Commissioner (AC), Deputy Commissioner (DC), and others should have welcomed this information, as it provided grounds to dismiss the cleric's demands as unlawful. However, these career-oriented individuals were more concerned with appeasing religious extremists than upholding the law. Their pretext of maintaining law and order was insincere and devoid of substance. They acted in contravention of the relevant laws.

- The manner in which this reprehensible official action was carried out is deeply concerning. Initially, when the Assistant Commissioner (AC) visited the site, he inexplicably invited a prominent troublemaker to accompany him inside the Ahmadiyya mosque. This was highly inappropriate behavior on the part of the AC. While Ahmadis did not object to the AC's presence as he represented the state in the dispute, allowing an individual known for intolerance, mischief, and violence into their place of worship was extremely indecent, vulgar, and unprofessional. It created the impression that the two were acting in collusion.
- The AC informed Ahmadis that the Deputy Commissioner (DC) required the task to be completed on the same day, and the divisional Regional Police Officer (RPO) was awaiting a report indicating its completion. It is astonishing that none of these senior officials prioritized higher considerations such as good governance, minority rights, international commitments, and the country's prestige. They were fully aware that their actions were reprehensible and unworthy, as evidenced by the fact that they chose to undertake them at midnight, a time associated with criminal activities.
- There is internal evidence suggesting that the officials involved were troubled by the heinous nature of their actions. Recognizing that damaging a place of worship was morally wrong, they delegated the task to Christian laborers. If their actions had any merit, the AC himself would have symbolically taken up a hammer. Furthermore, the decision to remove the debris can be interpreted as an attempt to conceal the material evidence of the state's avoidable misconduct.
- While the Mulla, in his bigotry, may advocate for the destruction of Ahmadiyya mosques, it should be evident to the highly educated civil servants of the Islamic Republic that Allah, the God of Muslims, would be displeased even if non-Islamic temples were desecrated.
- The Assistant Commissioner (AC) warned the Ahmadiyya president to cooperate, implying that the responsibility for any damage during the action would not rest with the administration. This warning was unnecessary and devoid of substance. Ahmadis have never posed a threat to the state. Such warnings would only make sense if directed at miscreants and mulla, but that would require a certain level of courage.
- We have chosen not to name the involved AC, DC, RPO, or even the SHO because these officials are not the sole ones who would act in such a manner; nearly all officials in these positions behave similarly nowadays, serving not the best interests of the state and society. However, there are undoubtedly exceptions, even if they are few in number. We salute those exceptions and wish them long lives. May Pakistan prosper.
- Lastly, but not least, much of what occurs in Punjab is orchestrated or directed from Lahore. Mr. Mohsin Naqvi serves as the Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab, while Dr. Usman Anwar holds the position of Provincial Police Officer.



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## EVEN DEAD NOT SPARED

*A hassle or altercation over burial is always immensely disturbing and stressful for the family of the deceased. While the law doesn't prohibit the burial of Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis in common cemeteries, mulla frequently try to obstruct Ahmadis from having a peaceful burial in cemeteries where their ancestors were laid to rest. Police often side with the majority and pressure Ahmadis to make alternative arrangements, which can be extremely challenging on short notice.*

*Moreover, this year, the Punjab Police perpetrated an egregious act by desecrating the Kalima and other sacred inscriptions on Ahmadi gravestones. Authorities conducted 109 instances of desecration and demolition at the behest of religious extremists.*



*Cemeteries, like places of worship and other holy sites, are an essential element of the manifestation of the right to freedom of religion or belief. Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) enshrines the right to manifest religion or belief in a community with others. Religious communities typically have religious rites and practices for the disposal of the deceased in their own cemeteries that are protected under Article 18. The International Religious Freedom Act, as amended (IRFA), specifically notes that the desecration of cemeteries is a violation of the freedom of religion or belief.*

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*Trespassing on burial places, etc.:*

*Whoever, with the intention of wounding the feelings of any person, or of insulting the religion of any person, or with the knowledge that the feelings of any person are likely to be wounded, or that the religion of any person is likely to be insulted thereby, commits any trespass in any place of worship or on any place of sculpture, or any place set apart for the performance of funeral rites or as a depository for the remains of the dead, or offers any indignity to any human corpse or causes disturbance to any persons assembled for the performance of funeral ceremonies, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both..*

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PPC-297 (PAKISTAN PENAL CODE ACT XLV OF 1860)

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## 74 AHMADIYYA GRAVESTONES DEMOLISHED BY PUNJAB POLICE

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23 Sep 2023

### INCIDENT REPORT

#### **GRAVESTONES OF SIR ZAFARULLAH KHAN'S FAMILY SMASHED BY PAKISTANI POLICE IN DASKA KALAN, SIALKOT**

IHRC has reported several times that a wave of bigotry against Ahmadiyya Muslims has intensified since the start of 2023.

In a deeply disturbing incident carried out on the night of 22nd September 2023, Pakistan police conspired with radical clerics to destroy 74 gravestones in Daska Kalan, Sialkot.

The tombstones included relatives of Pakistan's first foreign minister Sir Zafarullah Khan who served as the president of the United Nations and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the 1960s and 70s. In this way, Pakistani authorities not only disregard their own history but disrespect the living and the dead. Indeed, Ahmadi Muslims and their families are not safe even in death.

The area's Assistant Commissioner and his staff led the desecration of the Ahmadiyya graveyard alongside police forces who, acting illegally, cordoned off the nearby streets and taking advantage of the darkness carried out this despicable act.

They made sure that no Ahmadi was near the graveyard while this act was being carried out. After committing the desecration, the authorities took away the debris. The aftermath can be seen in this online video.

Unfortunately, the persecution against Ahmadis has ramped up as of late, as the IHRC has reported almost daily incidents against the minority group. Graveyard vandalism has been a favoured tactic of the Anti-Ahmadi elements in Pakistan for years. This shameful tactic means Ahmadis are not free from persecution even after their death.

Intolerance and hatred towards Ahmadis in Pakistan is nothing new, rather it has a history spread over decades which is gaining momentum day by day under State supervision. Systematic marginalisation of Ahmadis in all walks of life because of their religious beliefs is not considered condemnable and Ahmadis are being treated as such a class which has no basic human rights.

This must be stopped at all costs and the perpetrators brought to justice immediately. Unfortunately, there is no simple solution as the government and authorities encourage this behavior. They must be discouraged from using cheap tactics to achieve political gain.

IHRC has continuously raised our voice since many months over attacks on Ahmadiyya Muslims places of worship and graves. Attacks on their members have intensified. Most have come to light through social media and International NGOs.

We once again strongly urge the international community to impress upon the Government of Pakistan the need to discharge any absurd cases against Ahmadis and release all held in custody and thus honor its responsibility to provide effective protection and freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and ensure that perpetrators of such vicious actions should be brought to justice, to bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 20 and United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 2, 18, and 20, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

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The weekly The Friday Times reported another related incident.<sup>1</sup>

### **TLP Activists Demand Demolition of Place of Worship Built by Pakistan's First Foreign Minister**

September 22, 2023

Scores of people turned up for a large rally in Daska, Sialkot, on Friday, which had been staged by the politico-religious party Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) against places of worship of the Ahmadiyya Community.

The place of worship in question was built by Pakistan's first foreign minister and an integral member of the Pakistan Movement, Sir Zafarullah Khan, prior to Partition.

The rally was staged after TLP made a public announcement in this regard on Thursday, posting banners across the city.

Videos posted on social media showed a large rally walking through the city while blaring slogans and naat from their loudspeakers.

While it was unclear whether they had attacked the place of worship, there were reports that an Ahmadi graveyard had been vandalised.

Saleemud Din, a spokesperson for the Jamat Ahmadiyya Pakistan (JAP) in a message said that the district administration and police cordoned off the graveyard and proceeded to demolish the 74 tombstones before loading the debris and broken epitaphs and fleeing.

Earlier, the TLP filed a complaint with the Daska police, demanding action against the administration of the place of worship. The police, however, suggested the party take up the matter with the district administration and the relevant assistant commissioner as the issue fell under their purview.

The TLP, however, directed its followers to take the law into their hands and "decide the issue".

The minarets atop the building in question are barely visible, while there is no signage that identifies it as a mosque or a worship place. It is located adjacent to Sir Zafarullah Khan's ancestral residence in Daska. Sialkot District Police Officer Hassan Iqbal told Dawn that they had increased security around the building and were embroiled in negotiations for a peaceful outcome.

### **Can't demolish pre-1984 places of worship**

A verdict issued by the Lahore High Court early this month stated that the link between minarets as an identifying feature for Mosques and Islam is not clear. Further, it said that those structures which were built prior to the introduction of the law in 1984 cannot be subject to the law.

The law has been cited by the Ahmadiyya Community several times since as police continued to demolish minarets and other identifying marks outside and inside Ahmadi places of worship. However, it has had



<sup>1</sup> <https://thefridaytimes.com/22-Sep-2023/tlp-activists-demand-demolition-of-place-of-worship-built-by-pakistan-s-first-foreign-minister>



little impact on extremists and members of TLP, who continue to target Ahmadi places of worship in a worrying wave of violence.

## TOMBSTONES OF SENIOR AHMADI ELDERS SMASHED TO PIECES IN JHELUM, PUNJAB

**International Human Rights Committee issued the following press release on July 19, 2023:**

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19 July 2023

### **TOMBSTONES OF AHMADI MUSLIMS SMASHED INTO PIECES IN VILE ATTACK ON GRAVEYARD IN JHELUM, PAKISTAN**

Graves of Ahmadi Muslims have once again been desecrated and vandalised in a malicious and senseless attack by vigilantes' elements in Pakistan.

The grievous attack took place on 16th July 2023 in Mehmoodabad, a town near Jhelum city.

Unknown assailants attacked the tombstones of two graves in a combine graveyard. The tombstones were smashed into pieces and splashed with black paint obscuring the writing on the tombstone. The graves belong to two senior elders of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. There was a protective boundary constructed around these graves, but even that was damaged.

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## THREE GRAVES DESECRATED

**Nadheri Bala, Kotli, AJK; July 5, 2023:** There has been an increase in the hate campaign against Ahmadiyya community in Kotli, AJK. On July 5, unidentified miscreants destroyed the tombstones of

three graves of Ahmadis in the common graveyard of Qazian Chowk. One of the desecrated graves was a very old one, that of Hazrat Qazi Feroz Din, a companion of the Promised Messiah.



## TEN AHMADIYYA GRAVESTONES VANDALIZED BY THE AUTHORITIES

**Kajar, District Sheikhpura; July 1, 2023:** The district administration vandalized 10 more Ahmadiyya gravestones — this time in District Sheikhpura.

The situation of Ahmadis had been deteriorating here for some time. Some people objected to the sacred verses on Ahmadiyya gravestones and filed an application to the authorities.

In this regard, a meeting of elders decided to allot one kanal area separately to Ahmadis for their cemetery and leave the issue of tombstones to the authorities. Ahmadis were not taken in confidence nor informed before nor after the desecration.

Subsequently, the administration dug out the tombstones and took them away.



This is not the first incident of demolition of Ahmadiyya graves in Sheikhupura district. Earlier, on July 13, 2020, 42 Ahmadiyya graves were vandal-

ized by religious bigots under police supervision. Two such incidents happened in 2021 when eight graves were desecrated there.

## POLICE DESECRATE AHMADIYYA TOMBSTONES



**Bhulair, District Kasur; September 30, 2023:** Religious bigots approached the police to complain about a few pious words on two Ahmadiyya tombstones. The DC Kasur formed a committee under

the chairmanship of AC Pattoki to look into this. The committee unabashedly told Ahmadis to remove the words. The Ahmadi delegation told the committee members that as per the Supreme Court verdict, Ahmadis had the freedom to practice their faith within the four walls. These tombstones are inside the four walls of the Ahmadiyya graveyard, so there was nothing objectionable in the situation. The committee found it convenient to reject the Ahmadiyya argument.

On September 30, the police informed Ahmadis that they would act at 3 PM. They intimated that the intended action was under the orders of AC Pattoki. When the officials arrived at the graveyard, Ahmadis requested them time to think it over; however, they replied that they had to act the same day. Ahmadis asked them to provide a copy of the committee's verdict, but they refused.

Thereafter, the police destroyed the tombstones and took away the debris with them.

## THREE AHMADIYYA GRAVES LEVELLED IN FAISALABAD

**89 Ratan, District Faisalabad; January 22, 2023:** Unknown miscreants levelled the soil and desecrated the graves of three Ahmadis. The attackers trespassed the Ahmadiyya graveyard by cutting the barbed wires. Later, they tried to torch the coffins and some other items stored in the adjacent room.

A similar attack was carried out on November 20

in the same graveyard, where they removed grave-stones from three Ahmadiyya graves and stole some fixtures from the site.

The Human Rights of Commission of Pakistan had then said: "The recent desecration of an Ahmadi worship place in Gujranwala is not only a grave violation of the community's fundamental rights,

but also contravenes the very spirit of the 2014 Tas-saduq Jillani judgement.”

The incident was reported to police who didn't register an FIR.

Last year, 197 graves of the Ahmadiyya Community were desecrated, mostly by the Punjab Police. The mulla and the police seem to act jointly in this malicious campaign. Even in death, Ahmadis are not allowed to rest in peace. Their living relatives feel immensely hurt and persecuted.



## THREE AHMADIYYA GRAVES DAMAGED IN MULTAN

**Kothywala, District Multan; October 2023:** Unknown persons destroyed three Ahmadiyya gravestones here. On 21 October 2023, Ahmadis went to the cemetery and found the gravestones broken.



## AHMADIYYA GRAVES DESECRATED

**Mirpur Khas; October 2023:**

Unknown miscreants damaged the graves of two Ahmadis in Nusratabad Farm's Ahmadiyya graveyard. The gravestone of one grave and the tiles of the other were found broken.



## BURIAL DENIED—THE POLICE ACTS HELPLESS

**78 Janubi, Sargodha; July 11, 2023:** Wife of an Ahmadi, Mubashar Ahmad, passed away here. Ahmad is arranged her burial in the common graveyard. Some opponents objected to this and filed a com-

plaint with the police. Mulla started gathering in the graveyard. The police arrived along with the Patwari (local land revenue official). He stated that of the 2-acre land allotted for the graveyard, one acre is

available in which the burial can be undertaken. The agitators, however, did not agree to this, and even the police failed to implement this reasonable proposal. Ahmadis had to bury the deceased in her farmhouse. An Ahmadi had been buried in that graveyard only a fortnight before.

The situation remains hostile in the area. A video is being circulated on social media in which mulla can be seen demanding the removal of dead Ahmadis from their graves in common graveyards and to be shifted elsewhere. They grossly indulged in hate speech.

## BURIAL DENIED TO AN AHMADI WOMAN

**Peru Chak, District Sialkot; January 21, 2023:** An anti-Ahmadi activist of Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat filed a complaint with PS Motra against Ahmadis for allegedly violating anti-Ahmadiyya Sections PPCs 298-B and 298-C. The police destroyed 45 tombstones of Ahmadis here. This graveyard has the graves of Ahmadis on one side and non-Ahmadis' on the other, and has been thus shared for the past 71 years.

An Ahmadi woman Ms. Bushra Bibi died. Arrangements were made for her burial in the said cemetery, but the administration, on the complaint of a mulla, disallowed Ahmadis to bury the dead there and told them to take it elsewhere. The administration was told that Ahmadis have always buried their dead there. The officials found it convenient to threaten Ahmadis to 'cooperate', otherwise their names would be put in the Fourth Schedule and a criminal case could be registered against them. They were told that every time it is Ahmadis who cooperate with the administration while the opponents create problems and get away with their wrongful demands. They have four graveyards in the village, while Ahmadis have only one.

The authorities then sent the case to the District

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

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

On January 21, an Ahmadi woman Ms. Khurshid Bibi died. The opponents intervened and stopped her burial. The higher authorities took the side of the anti-Ahmadis, and threatened Ahmadis with police cases for not taking the dead body elsewhere from the village for burial. Ahmadis had to comply.

## BURIAL DENIED TO AHMADI

**Jatoi, District Muzaffargarh; August 15, 2023:** Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Ahmadi, died on 15 August 2023. He joined the Ahmadiyya Community about 30 years ago, while the rest of his family is non-Ahmadi. Arrangements were made in the village for his

burial. When they were taking the dead body for burial, it was found that some bigots were trying to obstruct the burial. Those people had said that if Ahmadis tried to bury this infidel here, there will be bloodshed.

On this occasion, a local politician also supported them. Given the situation, alternative arrangements were made for burial in a distant Ahmadiyya graveyard at Bet Daryai.

After the funeral prayer and burial, the opponents shared a video on social media, declared their victory, and shouted anti-Ahmadiyya slogans.

## DESECRATION OF GRAVES, ELSEWHERE TOO

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### A brief comparison

**BBC, 1st week January 2023:** BBC issued the following news report.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Anglican Church and UK condemn desecration of Jerusalem graves**

#### **Anglican Church and United Kingdom have expressed “dismay” at an attack on a historic cemetery close to Jerusalem’s walled Old City**

More than 30 graves at the Protestant Cemetery on Mount Zion were desecrated on Sunday. Crosses were broken and headstones toppled and smashed.

“We see more exclusion, more segregation and that is what really grieves us in this city of Jerusalem,” (Archbishop Naorem added.)

The Israeli ministry of foreign affairs also condemned the vandalism at a cemetery. This immoral act is an affront to religion and the perpetrators should be prosecuted, it tweeted.

Security camera footage shows two young men (wearing tippahs or skullcaps) carrying out the attack. ...

The Anglican Church said it had received supportive words from Israel’s president, the chief rabbi of the Commonwealth, Sir Ephraim Mirvis, and other political and religious leaders.

In Pakistan. Ahmadiyya graves have been desecrated here too, but there is a difference – vast and important.

The incidents of desecration of Ahmadiyya graves in Pakistan are many time more, and have gone on for years. For instance, 67, 128 and 144 graves were desecrated in year 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively.

- In these appalling acts of vandalism, headstones were toppled and smashed. Vast majority of these hate crimes were undertaken by the police and the administration. They occasionally co-opted mulla to help them. Almost always, they undertook sacrilege on demand of religious bigots. While the action is undertaken after the nod of district authorities, the policy directive is obviously given by the political bosses in capitals.
- It was decent of the Israeli president and its ministry of foreign affairs to condemn the vandalism at the cemetery. In Pakistan, no official has ever uttered a similar word in public.
- While the Anglican Church received “supportive words from political and religious leaders”, no leader in Pakistan had the courage to support Ahmadis openly against these immoral acts that are affront to any religion or society.

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<sup>1</sup>: [bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-64163185](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-64163185)



## 6

## PROBLEMS IN EDUCATION, JOBS AND BUSINESSES

*Ahmadis are renowned for their diligence, integrity, and education. During Pakistan's early years, they excelled in various sectors, including business, services, and employment. However, clerics leading the anti-Ahmadiyya movement targeted them in these fields, finding support from certain officials in the public sector. Consequently, Ahmadi representation in government positions dwindled, with existing employees facing barriers to advancement and often pressured to resign.*

*In the business realm, clerics instigated boycotts against Ahmadi-owned enterprises, issuing fatwas declaring transactions with Ahmadis as prohibited. Some businesses were even subjected to violent attacks. Notably, popular products from Ahmadi manufacturers, such as Shezan juices, became targets of a sustained campaign.*

*The education sector also faced relentless targeting, with even schoolchildren being subjected to discrimination.*

*These actions have inflicted significant hardship on Ahmadis, particularly on educators and entrepreneurs. Unfortunately, the persecution continues unabated, as evidenced by recent incidents detailed below.*



*Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace*

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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ARTICLE 26)

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*The States Parties to the present Covenant undertake to ensure the equal right of men and women to the enjoyment of all civil and political rights set forth in the present Covenant.*

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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ARTICLE 3)

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*Every citizen shall have the right and the opportunity, without any of the distinctions mentioned in article 2 and without unreasonable restrictions to have access, on general terms of equality, to public service in his country.*

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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ARTICLE 25)

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## NATIONALIZATION OF AHMADIYYA SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

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- Between 1947 and 1972, Ahmadiyya Community owned and operated a number of educational institutions in Punjab, Pakistan. In 1972, the government of Pakistan introduced a policy of nationalization of educational institutions throughout Pakistan. Hence, 8 schools and 2 colleges were nationalized by the government. These include;
  - Talim-ul-Islam (Primary and High) School, Rabwah
  - Nusrat Girls (Primary and High) School, Rabwah
  - Fazl-e-Umar High School, Rabwah
  - Talim-ul-Islam High School, Kharian, Gujrat
  - Ahmadiyya Primary School, Shadiwal, Gujrat
  - Talim-ul-Islam Primary School, Chooknawali, Gujrat
  - Talim-ul-Islam High School, Ghatyalian
  - , Sialkot
  - Ahmadiyya Girls High School, Sialkot
  - Talimul Islam College, Rabwah
  - Jamia Nusrat College, Rabwah

Note (The case of two colleges is slightly different)

- In 1996, a gazette notification No: SO (A-1) SA-1-18/90-A-III dated 28-07-1996 was issued by the Government of Punjab giving the owners of nationalized educational institutions the option to regain control of their institutions upon fulfilment of certain criteria and infact returned numerous other institutions to their original owners.
- Despite fulfilling all terms & conditions & repeated requests from the Community, the Punjab Government has taken no action.
- All the terms and conditions prescribed by the relevant authorities were complied with, and a sum of Rs. 1,10,12,483/- equal to the emoluments and allowances of the staff for six months to one year was deposited in the government treasury at that time.
- The Supreme Court in its ruling of Feb 22, 2000 clearly stated that the ownership of nationalized institutions rests with the original owners. However, this right of ownership has been denied to the Community despite the clear verdict of Supreme Court of Pakistan.
- Again in July 2002, under the revised notification No. S.O. (R&B) 1-18/90-A-III) a scheme for Denationalization of Nationalized educational institutions to previous managements was issued. Subsequent to the revised notification, the Community applied to the Government of the Punjab on 13.7.2002 to denationalize these as well. The government has not done so. The community moved writ petitions in the Lahore High Court. However, the hearing on these writ petitions is also pending for the last two years and this matter is still lingering.
- To-date the Punjab Government has not denationalized Ahmadiyya institutions despite several reminders sent by the Ahmadiyya community to the government since 1997.

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## EDUCATION

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### AHMADI STUDENT HAD TO LEAVE COLLEGE

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**PST College Kamalia, District Toba Tek Singh; October 2023:** Mr. Adnan Ahmad was doing B.S. Honors in this college. A student from his village told the class-fellows that Mr. Ahmad is an Ahmadi, after which other students started to make life difficult for Ahmad.

The situation became unbearable for the Ahmadi. His father spoke to the principal, who was sympathetic. However, because of the opposition, Mr. Ahmad had to leave the college and take admission elsewhere.

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### AHMADI STUDENT ASSAULTED

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**Rambra, District Narowal; September 21, 2023:** Two Ahmadi students, Mr. Hassan Nawaz Khan and his sister of Rambra, District Narowal went to Aspire College Shakar Garh for studies. When their Ahmadiyya religious identity was discovered, the students highlighted it and turned it into an issue. On September 21, the college students attacked

and assaulted Mr. Hassan; however, he received no serious injury. To avoid further escalation, the principal sent him back home before the college cleared for the day. He also told their father not to send his two children to the college to avoid any harm to them.

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### SOCIAL BOYCOTT LEADS TO EXPULSION OF TWO AHMADI SCHOOL BOYS

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**Bhiri Shah Rehman, District Gujranwala; March 2023:** As in other cities of Pakistan, anti-Ahmadiyya activities continue here, which have been gaining push for some time. Anti-Ahmadiyya clerics have been invited to local mosques to promote boycotts against Ahmadis; some local shopkeepers have been forced to vacate shops, and other traders

have been barred from trading with Ahmadis. Anti-Ahmadiyya rallies also go on.

Two Ahmadi students were expelled from a private school here allegedly for insulting Islam. Moreover, Ahmadi students were targeted and harassed during a lecture on Islamiyat in the government school.

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### AHMADI STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL FOR THEIR FAITH

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**Gulshan Park, Lahore; November 15, 2023:** Two Ahmadi students, Farhan Ahmad and Zeeshan Ahmad, sons of Mr. Abdul Waheed, were students in an academy here. On November 15, their father, Mr. Abdul Waheed, was called by the school administration. His wife went to the school. The principal told her that he was unaware of their Qadiani faith and told her that he could not keep her children

enrolled in the school. He even returned the tuition fee and notebooks' charges and told her to return the notebooks afterwards. The students were not told that they were being expelled from the school; they came to know of it when they returned home. The distressed family started looking for some other school to enrol their sons.

## AHMADI TEACHERS AND STUDENTS HARASSED

**Chak Chatha, District Hafizabad; December 2023:** A non-Ahmadi homeopath made a false claim against an Ahmadi, Mr. Saadat Ahmad, that he had sprayed him with something that nearly killed him. After that, the daughter of this homeopath, who is a teacher in a local school, started harassing the Ahmadi teachers and students. She wrote a questionnaire and told Ahmadi students to bring their book of hadith.

Then, she used abusive language against the Ahmadi in the staff meeting and demanded that the Ahmadi teachers be fired. These opponents considered a plan to expel the elder Ahmadi students and indoctrinate the younger one. This school belongs to Master Ehsan, the Imam of the local Masjid Noor. Similarly, Tehreek-e-Labaik seemed busy planning against the Ahmadiyya mosque.

## ANTI-AHMADIYYA QUESTION PAPER FOR STUDENTS

**Peshawar; March 2023:** There are three Ahmadi students in Peshawar Model School. They face discrimination and prejudice from the teachers. The teachers ask if there is a Qadiani in the class. Mufti Muhammad Imran, a teacher asked the following questions in the objective question paper:

1. What is the number of verses and Hadees on Khatme Nabuwwat?
2. How many false claimants to prophecy did Holy Prophet predict?
3. Which Imam pronounced, “Whosoever asks for a proof from a false prophet about his claim, is himself expelled from the fold of Islam?”
4. Name the first false claimant of Prophethood.
5. On which date the Qadianis were declared non-Muslim in the Constitution?

## A NEW STUDY COURSE—FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS ONLY

The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) in one of its letters addressed to all Vice-chancellors/ Rectors/ Heads of universities dated 27/03/2023 (Annex VII) directed that

*“All the Pakistani universities/Degree Awarding Institutes (DAIs) are advised to incorporate a course on Holy Quran with translation, tajweed, and tafseer for Muslim students as a mandatory degree award requirement for all undergraduate degree programs with effect from fall 2023 without making it part of the examination or provision of additional marks. The course shall be non-credited.”*

Following are the possible implications of this directive.

- This directive toward the universities is in line with a Senate resolution of January 16, 2023

in which the Senate unanimously passed two resolutions, recommending attaining knowledge of the Holy Quran, the Sunnah, and the Seerat of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) at educational institutes from primary to a higher level.

- Both resolutions were moved by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed of Jamaat-e-Islami.
- This directive seems to be an extension of the earlier initiative of the Government to load up the primary school single national curriculum (SNC) with religious contents across subjects and grades. The Islamic content was dramatically increased in the early years of education with special emphasis given to the topic of Khatam e Nabuwwat (Finality of Prophethood) in the SNC. Additionally, compulsory teaching of the Holy Quran (only by trained

teachers) was also implemented.

- Civil society and human rights activists criticized this move, while some called it **“An Overdose of Religion”**. Sane voices highlighted that there is a fair chance that instead of mainstreaming madrassahs, mainstream teaching will be heavily influenced by the madrassahs in the future.
- Extending this directive to universities and Degree awarding institutes will further magnify the problem of radicalization and hatred among the youth toward minorities.
- Bringing about such changes is a step towards caving in to the right-wing demand to make Pakistan a ‘truly’ Islamic republic.
- The universities of Pakistan in the past have been a breeding ground of hate, sectarian violence, and Jihadist elements.
- Since the 1970s, political & religious factions in Pakistan have played a significant role in arming students and encouraging them to participate in violence. Violence gradually escalated in the following years. For instance, at the University of Karachi, particularly between 1979 and 1987, students were pitted against each other through conscious planning by religio-political leaders. Over time, the Islami Jamiat-e-Talba (IJT), the student wing of the right-wing Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), began using strong-arm tactics and regularly clashed with members of left-leaning student wings such as the National Students Federation (NSF) and Democratic Students

Federation (DSF). The rise of the IJT militia was prominent in major public universities of Pakistan’s major urban centers. Eventually, student organizations were militarized and their power became conditional upon their military strength.

- Today, many universities in Pakistan have become breeding grounds for fundamentalism, extremism, linguistic and ethnic hatred, and violence.
- A mandatory course of the Holy Quran & Seerat (life) of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) only for Muslim students would be used as a backdoor entry for seminary teachers & radicalized elements from madrassahs and jihadi organizations into mainstream educational institutions.
- Instead of highlighting positive notions of peace, tolerance, human rights, and coexistence, these classes would be used as a platform by radical teachers to spread hate against minorities, especially Ahmadi students.
- Ahmadi students will be easily identified as they will not be allowed to be part of this mandatory class, and will be singled out thus compounding their discrimination, stigmatization & persecution in Pakistan.
- With the existence of the radical element already present in the universities, there is a high probability of physical & emotional torture, harm, and violence to the students of marginalized communities.

## DILEMMA FOR AHMADI STUDENTS

The daily Dawn, in its issue of March 6, 2023, reported that the National Curriculum Council had issued no-objection certificates for publishing religious textbooks for students of minority groups. Ahmadis were made an exception. Although Ahmadi children would prefer and opt to learn Islamiyat, they are generally not allowed to do that. So here is

a dilemma. It is well stated in an article by an Ahmadi scholar; he even proposes a solution which meets academic and democratic norms; however, we have the unfortunate experience that any solution to a problem faced by Ahmadis, even if entirely rational and doable, fails to get the approval of the mulla-influenced authorities. The article is pro-

duced below, nevertheless:

### **MINORITY STUDENTS TO HAVE THEIR OWN RELIGION TEXTBOOKS**

*In a major development in the country's history related to religious minorities, the National Curriculum Council (NCC) has issued no-objection certificates (NOCs) for publishing religious books for students of seven minority groups enrolled in educational institutions supervised by the federal government. After the NOCs, the National Book Foundation (NBF) will publish the books. The NCC issued the NOCs for publishing books on Hinduism, Sikhism, Christianity, Bahai, Zoroastrianism, Kalasha, and Buddhism.<sup>1</sup>*

This is a big achievement indeed considering the deplorable treatment of minorities in Pakistan.

These textbooks will contain authentic references to the holy books of minorities and will enable the students from the above-mentioned minority groups to learn about their religion and culture in academic settings.

This move though a welcome step in the right direction, poses a question about the Ahmadi students and what options are available for them.

It is a complex issue that requires careful consideration. The dilemma for Ahmadi students in Pakistan is unique.

- For the purpose of the Constitution & law Ahmadi in Pakistan are declared not-Muslim and as such are not allowed to practice and profess Islam as their faith.
- Ahmadi, under the law, are barred from using Islamic terminology. Furthermore, Ahmadiyya literature is also banned in the province of Punjab. Ahmadi students are barred to take Islamiyat as a subject and are only offered the subject of ethics. The opposition has been faced in various instances where Ahmadi students have tried to take up Islamiyat as a subject. The argument put forward by the relevant departments is that since Ahmadi have been declared non-Muslim, they

cannot take Islamiyat as a subject or study Quran (which has also been made compulsory in the schools). Unfortunately, the Ahmadi are singled out in this regard. Students from other faiths are free to choose between studying Islamiyat or taking ethics as a subject. Now they also have the option of choosing their religion textbook.

All other minorities will now have the choice between Islamiyat, ethics, or their faith book but Ahmadi students are left with not many options. Ahmadi students are not allowed to take up Islamiyat or read Quran, and Ahmadiyya literature is already banned. There is a significant chance that Ahmadi students will now be further alienated, and singled out thus compounding their discrimination, stigmatization & persecution in Pakistan.

A possible remedial step might be that education should be given to everyone regardless of one's faith and purely based on one's choice. Anyone, regardless of his faith, should have the option to pick from a pool of subjects of different faiths. An Ahmadi student, without declaring his or her faith, should be allowed to study Islamiyat, Quran, ethics, or Hinduism. Similarly, a Christian student can choose to study Christianity or Islam, or Sikhism. This will help students to learn about different faiths and beliefs, will create more inclusivity and tolerance, and ensure that all Pakistani citizens have access to quality education and are treated fairly and equally.

<sup>1</sup>. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1740572>

## JOBS AND BUSINESSES

### AHMADI OFFICIAL TRANSFERRED ON THREAT OF A TLP MULLA

**Mandi Bahauddin, Punjab, September 2023:** Mr. Fateh Ahmad, Ahmadi was posted by his department to Mandi Bahauddin as Superintendent Police.

At this posting, Mulla Naeem Chatha Qadri, Amir Tehreek-e-Labbaik District Mandi Bahauddin issued the following statement (translation):

*“A Qadiani has been posted as an SP in our district. I give this message to the (Security) Agencies here that if they need him, they should take him elsewhere. He cannot be here while we are here. Either we’ll stay here, or he. Our Baba Ji (Khadim Hussain Rizvi) told us that our necks are (dedicated) to the Holy Prophet PBUH. A Ghazi shall appear. It takes no time for a Ghazi to appear. Then you’ll wonder what has happened! First, they killed a Governor, now they have killed an SP. If you want to save him, take him away, he cannot stay in our district.”*



Before this, the same mulla issued these types of threats against Ahmadis including the one, “Shout the slogan so loud that Ahmadi women shed their pregnancies (Hamal).”

The concerned senior office responded in fear and transferred Mr. Fateh Ahmad back to Lahore in the Patrolling Police section.

### AHMADI TEACHER FORCED TO SEEK RETIREMENT

**Nidhiri Kotli, AJK; November 2023:** Qazi Muhammad Yusuf, an Ahmadi, was posted in Government Boys Primary School at Barmoochgoi Kotli, Azad Kashmir, 6 years ago. He has served in the education department for over 33 years. A teacher in that school, associated with Tehreek-e-Labbaik, used to ask him to leave the Ahmadiyya Community. This teacher is communally and politically strong and often absent from school. He would show attendance on the attendance register whenever he came to the school instead of writing ‘leave’. Whenever Mr. Yusuf as head teacher, forbade him to do so, he would take offence and threaten him with dismissal from service.

On September 30, the said teacher consulted an

extremist mulla, Adnan Rizvi, and told the supporters of Tehreek-e-Labbaik that a Qadiani teacher in the village school was preaching his religion to children and opposed the “Labbaik” slogan. These people met the District Education Officer and demanded Mr Yusuf’s removal from the school. Accordingly, the DEO called Mr. Yusuf and sent officers to the school for investigation on October 10.

On this occasion, Tehreek-e-Labbaik activists also gathered and demanded the expulsion of the Ahmadi teacher. Everyone wrote a note and signed it saying that the Qadiani teacher shouldn’t be there. After bowing to the demands of the Labbaik, these officials posed for a group photo with the miscreants. They posted it on social media with the



caption that a Qadiani teacher had been expelled.

Later, Mr. Yusuf was posted on duty in the office of the Assistant Education Officer. Under these circumstances, Mr. Yusuf put up a request for retirement.

## GOVERNMENTAL ORDERS REVERSED ON DEMAND OF BIGOTS

**Sargodha; January 3, 2023:** The appointment of an Ahmadi doctor, Shafqat Ullah Nasir, as the Additional Principal and Medical Superintendent of District Headquarters Hospital, Sargodha was cancelled under the pressure of a few religious fanatics.

Anjuman Tahaffuze Huqooq Shehryan Sargodha, falsely claiming to be the representatives of people and Muslims of Sargodha, published a poster on various platforms which demanded Mr. Nasir's

removal from the recent appointment within three days. They accused wrongfully Dr. Nasir of propagating his faith and hurting the 'sacred sentiments' of Muslims. They also threatened the authorities with a protest-call in case their demands were not met. We provide its copy at Annex VIII and translate it below:

Dr. Nasir graduated in 1992 and served in Silanwali, AIMC Lahore and Sobhaga, District Sargodha. He had also faced discrimination in AIMC Lahore.

Protest... Protest... Protest

Unacceptable...Unacceptable...Qadiani MS unacceptable

There is ire in religious circles on the appointment by the Punjab government of a fanatic Qadiani Murabbi (missionary) Shafqatullah Nasir as the Medical Superintendent of DHQ Hospital Sargodha. Shafqatullah Nasir was earlier



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حکومت پنجاب کی جانب سے تصحب پسند قادیانی مرہبی شفقت اللہ ناصر کو ڈی ایچ کیو ہسپتال سرگودھا کامیڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ تعینات کیے جانے پر مذہبی حلقوں میں اضطراب پایا جاتا ہے شفقت اللہ ناصر قبل ازیں سلاوالی میں قادیانیت کی تبلیغ کرتے پائے گئے تھے جس پر سلاوالی میں شدید احتجاج ہوا تھا اب سرگودھا میں شفقت اللہ ناصر کو بطور ایم ایس تعینات کر کے مسلمانوں کے جذبات مجروح کیے جارہے ہیں اہل ایم ایس سرگودھا کا حکومت پنجاب سے مطالبہ ہے کہ ڈی ایچ کیو ہسپتال کے میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ کے عہدے سے قادیانی ایم ایس کو ذوری طور پر ہٹایا جائے، تین دن کی وارننگ دیتے ورنہ ڈی ایچ کیو ہسپتال سرگودھا سمیت پنجاب اسمبلی کے سامنے احتجاج کی کال دی جائے گی۔

found preaching Qadianism in Silanwali, on which there was a strong protest in Silanwali. Now the sentiments of Muslims are being hurt by appointing Shafqatullah Nasir as MS in Sargodha. The people of Sargodha demand the Punjab government to immediately remove Qadiani MS from the post of Medical Superintendent of DHQ Hospital, giving a three-day warning, otherwise a protest call will be made in front of the Punjab Assembly including DHQ Hospital Sargodha."

انجمن تحفظ حقوق شہریاں سرگودھا

منجانب

He is a competent professional and his recent appointment as the MS, along with his promotion to grade 20, shows his ability and merit. Surely, the patients in the hospital are least interested in his sectarian identity and theological convictions.

Such transfers are not unusual. Previously in 2021, Mr. Shaukat Hayat Majoka, another qualified government servant, an Ahmadi, was transferred repeatedly for his faith, on demand of religious

bigots. In 2014, he was posted at Bhakkar, then because of some opposition he was transferred to Khanewal, then to Raheem Yar Khan, thereafter to Chakwal, then to Fatah Jang and Jund Pindi, District Attock. Soon after, he was transferred to Noorpur Thal, thereafter to Mianwali, then to Rawalpindi, then to Lahore head office thereafter to Khushab, and eventually again to Lahore.

## WHOSE WRIT — THE STATE’S, OR THE MULLA’S?

**Chaklala, Rawalpindi, April 2023:** The mulla is no longer discreet in challenging the writ of the state, he does it openly, blatantly and aggressively. A video was posted on social media in which a mulla Qari Idrees challenges the Education Department on posting of an Ahmadi as headmaster of a government school. He spoke in Urdu, we provide below its English translation (he started off with customary Islamic opening and verses in Arabic):

*I am addressing the residents of Rehmatatabad, Chaklala, Dhok Munshi Khan. I have just received*



*a news that in the Rehmatatabad high school, where a large number of our Muslim children are enrolled and their strength is around 1500 to 2000, a Mirzai, Qadiani, named Masood Bhatti has been appointed as the headmaster. I condemn this decision and appeal to officials of the Education Department, the respected Commissioner, and the administration to sack this cursed person (laanati) forthwith. Masood Bhatti is not acceptable to us as a headmaster on any condition. We will not let him enter the school anyway. If he ever tries to come to the school, he will not leave walking on his legs. The officers of the Education Department and the administration will be responsible for any consequent bloodshed or harm. I appeal that he should be sacked forthwith; Masood Bhatti is not acceptable to us as the headmaster in any province or any region. I also appeal to the religious leaders of the area and remind the residents of Rehmatatabad, “You have a history that you have always confronted Mirzais and Qadianis. Confront this despicable person (badbakht) as well”. We have called a meeting of the ulema, the religious elements, and the political figures of Rehmatatabad. From tomorrow onward, we will patrol the premises of the school, and would not let him enter, under any condition. May Allah, the Generous, protect us all. Assalam O Alaikum*

**Following aspects of the mulla’s address are noteworthy:**

- He rejects the appointment of the headmaster only for reason of his faith and belief.
- He openly declares use of force to deny the appointee freedom of movement to enter his place of official duty.
- The mulla threatens bloodshed and physical harm to the government official (the headmaster) on reporting to his place of duty.
- He, without any justification whatsoever, extends his 'jurisdiction' to other provinces and areas, by saying that Mr. Bhatti's posting in any province or area as headmaster is not acceptable to him.
- He forewarns all of his plan to patrol and rec-

onnoitre the school, to implement his threat.

Mr. Bhatti has served well the Department of Education for past 33 years. His appointment as principal of the Rehmatabad school was withdrawn and he was appointed as principal of the school at Saagri, Rawalpindi. Qari Idrees followed him up to this new appointment and having tasted blood, opposed this one as well, on social media. An application was also sent to the Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi for cancellation of these fresh orders. In these hostile circumstances in which his department and other governmental institutions have almost surrendered, Mr. Bhatti took leave, and considered retirement.

## WHAT AHMADI TEACHERS FACE!

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**Ganda Singh Wala, District Faisalabad; September 20, 2023:** Two female Ahmadi teachers were teaching here in a private school for years. On September 20, the owner of the school visited their uncle, Mr. Muhammad Haneef, at his residence, and told him that a mulla was demanding him to sack Ahmadi

teachers from the school. Mr. Muhammad Haneef assured him that both his nieces would not go to his school anymore. Ahmadis reported the incident to the authorities. We do not know if they took any action.

## AHMADI TEACHER FACES UNWARRANTED INQUIRY

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**Mirpur Khas, Sindh; November 2023:** An Ahmadi teacher in government service, Mr. Saddam Hussain, was appointed last year in Jhuddo. A journalist interviewed the students of the school and asked them the reason for not attending the school. They alleged wrongfully that the Qadiani teacher there stopped them from offering prayers. This, of course, was a lie; these students were not attending the school for quite a long time.

The journalist then went to Mr. Saddam Hussain and confirmed his religious identity. The former recorded their conversation and uploaded it on social media.

Mulla then protested against Mr. Hussain's appointment at the school and demanded his transfer. Yielding to the fake protest, his department called him to Mirpur Khas.

## WHAT AHMADI GOVERNMENT SERVANTS FACE

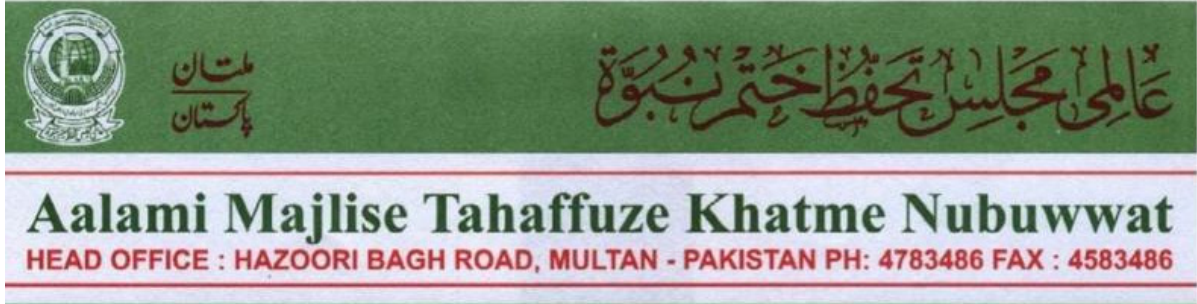
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**Multan; February 2023:** Since long, Ahmadis have faced great difficulties in public service on account of persisting and unrelenting propaganda hostili-

ty heaped on them by the anti-Ahmadi mulla. The higher authorities are sensitive to the mulla's objections, so the victims suffer in postings, positions,

performance of duties etc.—sometimes excessively. In fact, the government, which is the biggest employer in the country, has greatly restricted the induction of Ahmadis in services. As a result, there are greatly reduced number of Ahmadis in government service, and even fewer in higher ranks.

We produce below translation of a letter written by a Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat office-bearer, against a senior police official who is an Ahmadi and is generally well-known for his merit and professionalism. (Original letter can be seen in Annex IX)



To Respected.....

How do you do!

Waqas ul Hasan Nathoka is a well-known, fanatic and committed Qadiani. Qadianis are non-Muslims according to the Constitution. He portrays himself as a Muslim and persistently violates the Constitution. He is currently working as Senior Superintendent of Police Special Protection Unit Lahore. He has been sent to Director General Anti-Corruption Establishment Punjab for further appointment. In these circumstances, it is obvious that his promotion is under consideration.

In this situation, it is submitted that the said person is more loyal to his Qadiani faith than his job and Service. He is always eager to promote, appoint and recruit Qadianis. It is clear that he should be kept under surveillance. Being a lawbreaking and fanatic Qadiani, he should not be conferred with any sort of promotion. It is in the interest of Islamic Republic of Pakistan that he should be made to abide by the law.

It is my duty to inform you of the public opinion about him. May God bless our country with prosperity and security.

Applicant

(Maulana) Aziz Ur Rahman Sani

Secretary information, Aalmi (International) Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat Pakistan

Copy:

To Hazrat Maulana Fazlur Rahman, President PDM Islamabad

To Mian Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Pakistan

To Hazrat Maulana Mufti Abdul Shakoor, Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Islamabad

To Mr. Baleegh Ur Rahman, Governor Punjab

To Mr. Mohsin Naqvi, Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab

To Mr. Zahid Akhtar Zaman, Chief Secretary Punjab

To Mr. Director Anti-Corruption Establishment Punjab

To Hafiz Mudassar Nawaz, Section Officer

It will be interesting to know if any of the worthies addressed above took time to send a reply to Mulla

Sani. If a copy is sent to us, we'll be happy to print the same in our next Report sans comment.

## HOSTILITY IN KOTLI, AJK

**Kotli, AJK; 2023:** Mr. Muhammad Rafiq, an Ahmadi stamp-paper seller at judicial complex Kotli was threatened by a mulla to erase his name from his nameplate.

Mr. Rafique works in the judicial complex of Kotli where the clerical workers, including Mr. Rafique, have pasted a print of their names behind their working desks. His nameplate stated **“Chaudhry Muhammad Rafiq—stamp-paper seller”**. On February 25, this year, a mulla came and told him that being Qadiani he could not write ‘Muhammad’ with his name. He told him to remove it and threatened

him that legal action would be taken against him in case of non-compliance. He took a photograph of the nameplate, and then went on to other non-Ahmadi stamp-paper sellers to agitate the issue. After this incident, Mr. Muhammad Rafiq’s brother, Mr. Muhammad Shafiq, an advocate of High Court, shifted him in front of his own office.

On September 20, the said mulla tore off the word “Muhammad” from his name and left while threatening him violently. Ahmadis requested the SSP to file a complaint against this hostile and illegal act.

## “MUHAMMAD” AND “AHMAD” COVERED WITH PAINT ON LAWYER’S CHAMBER

**Okara; September 2023:** On July 14, 2023, a motorcycle rally was taken out by the workers of Tehreek-e-Labaik, in which, while giving a speech, the local president of Tehreek-e-Labaik District Okara, demanded removal of the word “Muhammad” from local Ahmadiyya president’s name and to stop practicing in the courts (he is a lawyer) and said that this name can only be used by Muslims. It is a sacred name and cannot be associated with filth, he declared.

Due to the holidays of civil courts in the month of August 2023, Ahmadi would go to court only for part time. On August 25, he closed his chamber for the weekend. After that, on August 27, photos were shared among lawyers’ groups, in which some unknown persons had cut the words “Muhammad and



Ahmad” from his name, written outside his chamber, and also removed the iron board. Opponents used very foul language where these pictures were shared. In this regard written reports were made to the DPO and DSP.

## AHMADI BUSINESSMEN HARASSED IN RAWALPINDI

**Palingari Kahuta, District Rawalpindi: November 2023:** Mulla Anjum, a teacher in a local madrassah,

incited his students and locals against Ahmadis. After this, a student came to the shop of Mr. Adeel

Ahmad, an Ahmadi, and shouted the slogans “*Qadiani Kafir, Tajdar Khatme Nabuwwat.*”

Given this situation, the local Ahmadiyya leadership contacted the SHO and informed him of the situation. The police called Mr. Adeel and his father, Mr. Mubarak Ahmed.

Similarly, the miscreants were called by the SP Rawalpindi. After which, there was peace. But opponents continued to hold internal meetings. Boycott posters were also put up in the area, and efforts were made to shut down the businesses of Ahmadis and pressurize Ahmadis to leave the area.

## AHMADI-OWNED BUSINESSES AT RISK — ONE SHOP CLOSED DOWN

### Quaidabad, District Khushab; September 2023:

The sectarian animosity has been at peak this year. In 30 villages adjacent to Quaidabad, public communication campaigns, corner meetings and Khatme Nabuwwat conferences in mosques especially in private schools and colleges were held, in which, apart from the dignitaries of the area, civil and police administration officers also kept joining and reciting naats etc. These rallies passed in front of the medical store of the local Ahmadiyya president.

For some time now, efforts have been made by opponents of Ahmadiyya to erase the word “Syed” written on the board of the medical store of the local president. After the September 7 rally, the DSP called Ahmadiyya president and his brother to the police station and told them to erase the prefix

“Syed”, written on the board of medical store, as there was a lot of pressure on him.

The DCO, DPO and District Administration Committee Khushab also said that according to the law Ahmadis are not allowed to write (sic), on which local president told him that there are court decisions and we cannot erase them, but they did not agree. After the campaign of Khatme Nabuwwat, there has been an activists’ increase in social boycott in the region. The restaurant from which Ahmadis used to buy tea, refused to sell them tea. Many shops stopped selling grocery, and people were incited not to buy medicines from *Mubarak Dawakhana*.

In the same way, an Ahmadi Mr. Kashif Ejaz was pressurized to close down his mobile shop in Joharabad, and numerous demands were placed against him, including the denial of entry to the town.

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## THE LEGAL DOMAIN

*This year, we entitle this chapter ‘The Legal Domain’, as it encompasses not only stories about judges but also about bar associations, among others. The conduct of bar associations and lawyers in Pakistan differs significantly from that of judges. This year, some bar associations, such as those in Gujranwala and KPK, made it mandatory for membership applicants to sign an affidavit affirming belief in the ‘finality of prophethood’. Typically, the legal community worldwide advocates for citizens’ fundamental rights, but here, some bar associations (Annex XIV & XV) wrote to authorities advocating for the denial of Ahmadis’ religious freedom by prohibiting them from offering animal sacrifices during the Eid ul Adha festival.*

*Regarding judges, one high court judge abstained from hearing an Ahmadi’s bail plea in a religion-based case. The subsequent judge swiftly dismissed the plea. Nevertheless, it’s worth noting that a few impartial and courageous judges did grant some relief to Ahmadis. We defer a comprehensive analysis of the judiciary’s role in the Ahmadiyya context to future historians. As Marcus Cicero aptly stated: “More laws, less Justice.”*



*Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.*

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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (PREAMBLE)

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*All persons are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to the equal protection of the law. In this respect, the law shall prohibit any discrimination and guarantee to all persons equal and effective protection against discrimination on any ground such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.*

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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ARTICLE 3)

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*Historically, the judicial branch has often been the sole protector of the rights of minority groups against the will of the popular majority.*

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DIANE WATSON (FORMER MEMBER OF US CONGRESS)

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## KHATME Nabuwat DECLARATION BY DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION GUJRANWALA

**Gujranwala; March 7, 2023:** Hafiz Wazir Ali Malik Secretary District Bar Association Gujranwala, issued the following notification on official letterhead pad about the declaration of the End of Prophethood. We translate below the vernacular in English.

Ref No: 33/2023

Date: 07/3/2023

### Long live Crown of End of Prophethood (Tajdare Khatme Nabuwat, Zindabad)

#### Notice for information

All respected members of the bar are informed that according to the resolution passed in the general house meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2023, the following declaration has been added to the membership form for obtaining the membership of the District Bar Association Gujranwala. From now on, honorable members of bar who will get the membership of District Bar Association Gujranwala will take the membership under the undermentioned declaration of the End of the Prophethood of Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him).

“I am Muslim and believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of Khatam an Nabiyyen Muhammad (peace be upon him) as the last of the prophets. I do not recognize any person who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or any description whatsoever after Muhammad (peace be upon him) or recognize such a claimant as prophet or a religious reformer or a Muslim. I consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to be an imposter and also consider his followers whether belonging to the Lahori or Qadiani group to be non-Muslim.”

Signed

Secretary Bar

Hafiz Wazir Ali Malik

## KPK BAR COUNCIL JOINS THE LINE OF SUPER BIGOTS

**Peshawar; May 3, 2023:** We regret to report that KPK Bar Council, under the chairmanship of Syed Mubashir Shah Advocate, decided in their Executive Committee that in future all new-entrants will submit an anti-Ahmadiyya affidavit on the issue of End of Prophethood, along with their Intimation Form. In the past, some other bar associations in the country had also undertaken such regressive steps. These included associations from Multan, Islamabad, Gujranwala etc.

The affidavit to be filled in by the applicants includes the following (as translated below from Urdu):

*“I swear that I am Muslim and believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of Khatam an Nabiyyen Muhammad (peace be upon him) as the last of the prophets. I do not recognize any person who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or any description whatsoever after Muhammad (peace be upon him) or recognize such a claimant as prophet or a religious reformer or a Muslim. I consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to be an imposter and also consider his followers whether belonging to the Lahori or Qadiani group to be non-Muslim.”*

Such measures adopted by the bar council are all the more undesirable and even condemnable as bar councils represent a section of the civil society but is far more educated than the average and are expected to be sensitive to the issues of freedom of belief and human rights. To deny membership to an applicant who is otherwise fully qualified but has a

slightly different understanding of End of Prophethood is obviously unsupportable, senseless, even ridiculous. Also relevant is the consideration that these bodies, unlike political parties, are not constrained by considerations of voting and religious sentiments of common man.

## THE DEGENERATION OF PAK CIVIL SOCIETY

**2023 AD:** In modern-day nation-states, civil society is an important pillar of the state, and if it is in relatively good health, the state is expected to bounce back even if some of its other pillars and institutions have suffered decay. Pakistan is not in a state of good health; unfortunately, its civil society shows signs of decline. And the educated lawyers' community, a leader in civil society, is at the forefront to display this regrettable state of affairs.

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

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

fice at their religious festival of Eid ul Adha. The text of the letters is identical in all three cases.

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

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

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

## INTERNATIONAL CONCERN OVER PAK LAWYERS' COMMUNITY

**IBAHRI; August 10, 2023:**

International Bar Association Human Rights Institute issued a statement on their high concern about

the lawyers belonging to the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan — at the hand of lawyers in general. It is readable and is reproduced below:

**IBAHRI concerned about the discrimination of Ahmadiyya lawyers in Pakistan<sup>1</sup>**

Thursday 10 August 2023

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) is highly concerned about the recent news that lawyers belonging to the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan – a numeric minority community in the country – are being required to renounce their religion as a prerequisite to practice law. This is a flagrant violation of their right to freedom of religion or belief.

According to news reports, Ahmadi Muslim lawyers have also faced physical attacks in court on account of their faith. For example, on 27 April 2023, a 77-year-old Ahmadi Muslim Supreme Court advocate, Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, was reportedly assaulted by other lawyers while practising in court. The lawyers allege that Mr Tariq violated Section 298 B of Pakistan's Penal Code (Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles, etc. reserved for certain holy personages or places) for having signed an affidavit in court using his full name which includes the prefix 'Syed', as this 'made him out to be a Muslim'.

Mr Tariq has been detained and faces a potential custodial sentence of three years. Commenting on this attack in his judgment, the presiding Judge, Omar Sial J (High Court of Sindh Karachi) stated: 'Not only an attempt was made to intimidate the court and interfere in the smooth administration of justice, but a lawyer... was physically abusive towards... one of the learned counsel for the applicant. [...] This was simply unacceptable behaviour and conduct and must necessarily be condemned by the Bar Associations and Councils.'

IBAHRI Co-Chair and Immediate Past Secretary General of the Swedish Bar Association, Anne Ramberg Dr Jur HC, commented: '*Pakistan must ensure that its laws and policies are in accordance with international standards without exceptions. Religious minority communities such as the Ahmadiyya must be granted all rights as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [UDHR] and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights [ICCPR], including the right to freedom of religion or belief as per Article 18 and Article 27 respectively. In particular, the latter that grants extra protections for minority communities.*'

In March 2023, the District Bar Association of Gujranwala announced that any applicant must positively assert that they are Muslim and denounce the teachings of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and its founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. A similar announcement was made by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council in May 2023. The requirement is contrary to international legal standards, and specifically the right to freedom of religion or belief, as affirmed in Articles 18 of both the UDHR and ICCPR. Pakistan ratified the ICCPR in 2010, and as such, is bound by its provisions.

IBAHRI Co-Chair Mark Stephens CBE stated: '*I am appalled by yet another attack on this marginalised community as well as lawyers in Pakistan. It is clear from the blatantly unfair treatment of the Ahmadiyya community that Pakistan is far from affirming and implementing international protections. As long as hate speech is directed at, and violence perpetrated against, Ahmadis because of their religious identity, the international community has a duty to speak out and speak up. The Ahmadis are being squeezed out of civic and public spaces by constant restrictions, and such treatment must be brought to a halt. Pakistan needs to affirm, without delay and without excuse, the rights of this marginalised people in accordance*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ibanet.org/IBAHRI-concerned-about-the-discrimination-of-Ahmadiyya-lawyers-in-Pakistan>

*with international standards.’*

IBA Executive Director Dr Mark Ellis commented: *‘While the situation of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan has been of significant concern for many years, the targeting of the Ahmadiyya lawyers is yet another attack on this discriminated and marginalised group. Pakistan must implement its international law obligations and ensure human rights for all.’*

Members of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan are one of the most marginalised and discriminated minority groups in the country. They are often subject to Pakistan’s draconian blasphemy laws, with almost any public act of religious manifestation or expression falling within the purview of such laws, which can lead to the death penalty.

Reportedly, since 2019, 61 Ahmadis have been charged under Pakistan’s blasphemy laws. Furthermore, those accused of blasphemy have been violently attacked. Some have been killed. Members of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan are also prevented from utilising several services, purely because of their religious identity. For example, to apply for a passport or to register to vote, Ahmadis are required to either swear Muhammad was the final prophet of Islam, denounce Mirza Ghulam Ahmad or declare themselves as non-Muslim, all of which are contrary to their beliefs. Members of the community are excluded from many offices and jobs by virtue of their religious identity and their places of worship and sacred sites, including graveyards, are common targets of attacks.

Furthermore, it is a crime for Ahmadis to identify as Muslims. Article 260(3) of the Pakistani Constitution defines a non-Muslim as *‘a person who is not a Muslim and includes a person belonging to the Christian, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist or Parsi community, a person of the Qadiani Group or the Lahori Group (who call themselves Ahmadis or by any other name), or a Bahai, and a person belonging to any of the scheduled castes.’* In addition, Article 298 C of Pakistan’s Criminal Code states that *‘any person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves “Ahmadis” or by any other name), who directly or indirectly, poses himself as a Muslim, or calls, or refers to, his faith as Islam, or preaches or propagates his faith, or invites others to accept his faith, by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representations, or in any manner whatsoever outrages the religious feelings of Muslims shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.’*

The new announcement targeting Ahmadiyya lawyers is yet another example of the attacks on members of the Ahmadiyya community, which will prevent many from entering the legal profession or force them to choose between their religion and their profession.

## **A ‘PRESS RELEASE’ BY LAHORE HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION**

**Lahore, April 06, 2023:** We have received a copy of a ‘Press Release’ issued by LHCBA, Lahore. It is in vernacular. The original and its translation is produced at Annex X to this report. Its content and allegations are disturbing and thus noteworthy. The theme of

the issue mentioned therein is Blasphemy. It is recommended reading in full. Below we mention only the highlights of the content, remaining close and true to the original. (Underlining is ours):

The session of the LHCBA was held as Emergency on the issue of 'organized publicity' of the blasphemous material on social media.

Most serious blasphemy is being committed under organized conspiracy against holy person-ages, the Holy Quran and the Pakistan flag.

The younger Pakistani generation is being made to undertake such blasphemy through organized conspiracy.

The meeting expressed satisfaction over the efforts of the Legal Commission on Blasphemy.

Through the legal efforts of this Commission, 119 of the most vicious blasphemers have been arrested, while 11 have been punished by the courts to death.

As per evidence provided by the Cyber Crime/FIA and the research of the Legal Commission on Blasphemy, such rascals' (badbakht) number exceeds 400,000.

Legal Commission on Blasphemy has announced April 7, 2023 to be celebrated as Protection of Honour of Prophethood Day. LHCBA would support it fully. It urges the Ulema etc. linked to LHCBA to play their role in promoting awareness on this issue, so that this organized conspiracy against the dear country through internal discord is neutralized. The aim of this organized conspiracy is more anti-Pakistan than anti-religion.

Signed

Secretary LHCBA, Lahore

If the information provided in the above PR is correct, it is indeed a very serious development. It mentions an 'organized conspiracy', and the target is Pakistan itself.

However, the media has provided little in support of such a conspiracy or mentioned any event, to raise such an alarm. Not a single well-known figure in politics, the intelligentsia, the academics, the journalism, the religious establishment, the judiciary, the administration has in recent times raised this cry of an "organized conspiracy" to promote

blasphemy.

It would be appropriate, indeed essential, that competent and reliable quarters hold an inquiry into this PR and inform the public if the alarm raised is justified, or it serves some other purpose of self-seeking individuals and groups. Surely, patriotic circles would not like to raise false bogies and indulge in pointless pursuits, as such actions will expose Pakistan to be assessed as a state that subsists on fake blasphemy accusations.

## UK BAR COUNCIL RAISES CONCERN OVER RECENT RELIGIOUS ISSUES IN PAKISTAN

**European News; June 17, 2023:** The UK Bar Council issued the following press release, which was published in europintimes news<sup>1</sup>:

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

The Bar Council is profoundly concerned by recent announcements in parts of Pakistan that Ahmadi Muslims lawyers must renounce their religion in order to practise at the Bar. Both the District Bar Association of

<sup>1</sup>: <https://www.europeantimes.news/2023/06/uk-bar-council-raises-concern-over-treatment-of-ahmadi-muslim-lawyers-in-pakistan/>

Gujranwala and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council issued notices that anyone applying for admittance to the Bar must positively assert they are Muslim and denounce the teachings of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and its founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan enshrines the principles of religious freedom and equality before the law and it is difficult to see how the notices can be consistent with that principle.

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

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

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

*“There is understandably a huge amount of international political focus on Pakistan at the moment. Amid*



*these wider concerns over democratic processes, we have been alerted to the specific concerns of Ahmadi Muslim lawyers who are facing discrimination in being denied the right to practise at the Bar because of their religion.*

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

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

## EXTRAORDINARY JUDICIAL INTEREST IN AHMADI ACCUSED

**Rawalpindi; January 31, 2023:** A writ petition was made with Lahore High Court (Rawalpindi Bench) regarding ‘blasphemy material on social media’, against Ahmadis. Justice Abdul Aziz was informed that the accused had still not been arrested, so the court issued arrest orders. Accordingly, an FIR team raided Rabwah. The court had required the DPO Chiniot’s presence, who had rendered his own report. The accused, Mr. Saleemuddin, in the meantime had been granted protective bail by a Karachi court.

As such, when this was conveyed to LHC on November 25, 2022, Justice Aziz remarked to the effect that in that case that it was up to that court, and the case was for the FIA Cyber Crimes Wing Lahore to pursue. The accused felt that this issue had nearly concluded.

But no, it was taken up again by the Rawalpindi Bench of Justice Abdul Aziz on January 25, where the complainant again raised the issue of ‘no arrest’ of the accused. Justice Aziz sent for the Addl.

Director FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore on January 27 and questioned him over the arrest.

The Addl. Director was again present in the Court

on January 31 to render his report on the ‘arrest’ issue. Justice Abdul Aziz said that he was granting 15 more days for the arrest, thereafter he expected the good news of the arrest.

## HIGH COURT JUDGE SEEKS HELP OF MUTTAHIDA ULEMA BOARD

**Chak No. 88 JB, Hasyana, District Faisalabad; February 4, 2023:** Muhammad Ismael, an anti-Ahmadiyya activist, lodged an application with police last year against the minarets of the local Ahmadiyya mosque. He further submitted a petition in the sessions court Faisalabad against the relevant police authorities and Ahmadi officials for allegedly not taking adequate action. In addition, he petitioned the same in the Lahore High Court (LHC).

The writ petition is under process in the court of Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of LHC. He issued notice to the police and relevant authorities, and they submitted their reports to the court accordingly, but the nominated Ahmadis received no legal notice.

Justice Shujaat Ali Khan asked for the opinion of the Muttahida Ulema Board. This board consists of mulla who are very hostile to Ahmadis.

## BAIL APPLICATION BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

**Islamabad:** A Review Petition lay before the honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan (SC) for grant of bail to five Ahmadis. A brief resume of their case is given below.

Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, etc. were booked on May 26, 2020 with FIR No. 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 30.09.2020 on reporting to the FIA office.

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

The SC (Justice Mazahar Naqvi and Jamal Khan) rejected their post-arrest bail application on April 27, 2022.

Mr. Shiraz Ahmad etc. were booked by Cyber Crime Police Station Lahore on June 20, 2019 under FIR No. 88, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11, for allegedly creating a group “Sindh Salamat” and allegedly sharing Ahmadiyya content in it. He was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021. Subsequently the trial court added section 295-C of PPC to the said case. Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020 in a fabricated case under Section 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 he was expected to be released from the Camp Jail, the Cyber Crime Wing Lahore arrested him under FIR Nr 88 as outlined in the above case, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in the case.

On application of the opponents, Judge Syed Ali Abbas, added the Blasphemy section PPC 295-C to his charge sheet as well.

Justice Tariq Saleem of Lahore High Court rejected the bail application of Mr. Shiraz Ahmad and Malik

Zaheer Ahmad on January 12, 2022.

The plea for release on bail of the above two accused was also rejected by the two-member bench of the Supreme Court (Justice Jamal Khan Mando Khel and Justice Mazahar Naqvi) on April 27, 2022.

Subsequently, a Review Petition was made to the Supreme Court. A three-member bench comprising Justices Mazahar Ali Naqvi, Aijazul Ahsan and Munib Akhtar was appointed to hear the case on February 14, 2023. On the request of the accused and their attorneys, the case was adjourned for a week.

This SC Bench held a hearing on February 22, 2023 and while rejecting the plea for bail, rejected the request for Review of the SC decision. The judges directed Lahore High Court to examine within two months whether the FIA is authorized to apply Sections PPCs 298-C, 295-B and 295-C to this case.

Mr. Rohan's bail on statutory ground was also rejected by Lahore High Court later on June 8. The statutory ground here means 'trial not concluded within two years of the arrest of the accused'.

## HASSAN MUAWIYAH'S ANTI-AHMADIYYA COURT CASE – UPDATE

**Lahore; September, October 2023:** We have reported earlier in our various monthly and yearly reports the activities of mulla Hassan Muawiyah, a brother of Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, the PM's Special Representative on Inter-Faith Harmony. In 2019 he put up an application in Lahore High Court that Ahmadis were violating the Quran Act 2011 by publishing the Holy Quran, its translation, and commentary. It was a false accusation. Ahmadis have published no Holy Quran for years. The case has been heard by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan for the last four years.

Mr. Muawiyah sent a similar application to the DPO Chiniot on September 25, 2019, and demanded action against Ahmadis. In response, the police visited various Ahmadiyya locations including the printing press in Rabwah. In the same context, Punjab Quran Board e-mailed SHO Chenab Nagar in Dec 2022 to register a police case against Ahmadi office-bearers.

Accordingly, the SHO registered an FIR against six very senior Ahmadis, including the lady principal of Aisha Academy and the principal of Madrassa tul Hifz, Hafiz Mubarak Ahmad Sani, as also against the printer, publisher, author, composer, proof-reader, assistants and others unnamed, on December 6, 2022 in FIR No. 661 under PPC 295-B, 298-C, and 9-A (1) Punjab Quran Act. The penalty under

PPC 295-B is imprisonment for life. Registration of this case is indicative of the power space ceded to the Mulla by the State.

After the registration of the case, the police arrested Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani on 07 January 2023. The accused is the principal of the school where children commit the Holy Quran to memory. The principal of such a school is facing the charge of defiling the Quran! Consider.

The sessions judge rejected the plea for bail of the principal. His trial goes on in the sessions court.

On September 27, 2023, Justice Shujaat Ali Khan questioned the DPO Chiniot and Addl. I.G. Punjab on follow up of the investigation, expressed his displeasure and directed the Prime Minister Pakistan and the Chief Minister Punjab to appear in his court on the next hearing scheduled for October 16 and submit a report.

The police thereafter obtained a search warrant and visited various offices of the Jamaat on October 7, 2023. A similar visit was undertaken the next week of the two Ahmadiyya-owned printing presses. Reportedly, the police found nothing objectionable. The police then undertook surveillance of Rabwah town.

On October 15, the Federal Interior Minister held a



press conference and announced that LEA, particularly the Punjab Police will ensure that no non-Muslim, nor a non-registered body will publish corrupted version of the Quran, and urgent action would be taken in such an eventuality of violation of law. Non-Muslim communities should be educated on the laws concerning the sanctity of the Quran. Pakistani Ahmadis are our minority, they should also be made (fully) aware of our laws, he said.

Federal Minister of Religious Affairs, Mr. Aniq Ahmad said that Ahmadis are non-Muslim as per the constitution of Pakistan. They cannot build worship places similar to mosques. Commitment to faith and love of the Holy Prophet cannot be swept away from Muslims' hearts. All provinces should act jointly. The writ of state should be affirmed. Quran Boards in all provinces should be activated. All provinces should forward their reports in this regard. Officials of the ministries of foreign affairs, education, information, PTA, LEAs, and the provincial chief secretaries attended the press conference.

Official reports were required to be submitted in the court of Justice Shujaat Ali Khan on October 16, 2023.

On October 16, 2023 representatives of the federal government and the Punjab government, including the Deputy Attorney General, PTA, FIA, and the religious affairs ministry were present in the court. The Deputy Attorney General assured the court of full compliance with court orders in this case. The Advocate General Punjab submitted in writing that a Committee had been formed to examine the follow-up of the court orders, every 15 days. The court was informed that the PM could not come as he was abroad. Advocate General Punjab explained that

the chief minister could not attend due to the present official business.

Justice Shujaat A Khan expressed his displeasure and observed that they were wasting the time of the court and the nation. He observed to the effect that the (high) officials were not mindful that the issue concerned the sanctity of the Holy Quran. They had the time to launch hospitals and bridges but no time to attend to the sanctity of the Holy Quran. Why was the chief minister reluctant to present himself, asked Justice Shujaat. If he does not declare his policy in court, it will decide the course of action. He declared that the court would announce its verdict based on submitted reports on October 17.

Justice Shujaat Ali Khan declared the reports submitted on October 16 by the Federal and Punjab governments as vague, and wrote in his verdict that the Federation and Punjab have not forwarded to the court the detailed rules and regulations relevant to the formed Committee; as such in the absence of the PM and CM from the court, the reports submitted by the federal and provincial government cannot be accepted as government policy.

The court postponed the next hearing to December 18 and ordered the PM and CM to be personally present in the court. In his order, Justice Shujaat instructed that the federal and provincial governments should fully implement the verdict already given, without yielding to any pressure. Both governments were told to submit reports on the next hearing scheduled for December 18.

The reader may draw his own conclusions.

## REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF SC

**The daily Dunya; November 2, 2023<sup>1</sup>:** Mr. Justice Faiz Isa, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court made certain significant remarks on November 1,

2023, during a court hearing of case concerning 2017 Faizabad Dharna. Because of the importance and rarity of such observations from the highest ju-

1. [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2023-11-02&edition=ISL&id=6983177\\_15761655](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2023-11-02&edition=ISL&id=6983177_15761655)

dicial office in Pakistan, we consider it appropriate to place below the gist of these on record.

- Unfortunately, there is no environment of dialogue in the country; there is hatred, for which people use religion.
- Our people are bringing a bad name to the country as well as religion (Deen).
- It is mostly Muslims who reside in Pakistan, however, no one speaks the truth.
- A Muslim should not be afraid. There is no reason for anarchy (Fasad fil Ard).
- I do not accept Gen Zia as the (former) President, Don't mention him to me again as such.
- The government does not have the ability to conduct a (fair) inquiry.
- The government would like to hold everyone responsible, so as to penalize nobody. The country suffers a loss of billions but the government cares little.
- The country is in the grip of the elite for the past 70 years.
- No one bears witness truthfully; he tells the truth only after he loses the chair.
- Formation of a committee will result in only reports and no action.
- A 'fact-finding committee' is only a piece of paper; the country cannot run on pieces of paper. Tell us what are rules of business, and under what law the committee is formed.

## LHC JUDGE RECUSED HIMSELF FROM AHMADI'S BAIL PLEA

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**Lahore; October 02, 2023:** A fabricated criminal case was registered in Chenab Nagar police station on December 6, 2022, under the blasphemy law PPC 295-B and the anti-Ahmadiyya law PPCs 298-C and 298-B against Mr. Sani and a few others on pretext of distribution of alleged corrupted translation of the Holy Quran. The accusation was malafide, and baseless. The penal code applied allows imprisonment for life. Mr. Sani whose full-time job is to educate and train his students in memorizing the Holy Quran was ironically arrested for defiling the Holy Quran on January 7, 2023. He is incarcerated in a prison in Faisalabad.

Mr. Sani applied for release on bail. The sessions judge rejected his plea on June 10, 2023, despite the circumstances of the case, the unjustifiable registration, the inappropriate penal code applied, and the fact that the accused had already suffered

over nine months in prison awaiting trial.

He filed an appeal in the Lahore High Court against this decision of the Sessions Court Lalian.

On October 2, 2023, Justice Ali Zia Bajwa of Lahore High Court sent the case back to the Chief Justice, apologizing from hearing the bail application of Mr. Sani. Mr. Sani has been in captivity for almost a year. Justice Farooq Haider was due to hear the case on October 26, but there were no proceedings.

One wonders why a high court judge may recuse from hearing the bail plea of an accused who allegedly awarded copies of the Holy Quran to students who deserved the prize on merit.

PS: On November 27, 2023, Justice Farooq Haider of LHC rejected his bail plea. The accused has been in District Jail Faisalabad for almost a year.

## AHMADIS' WRIT IN LAHORE HIGH COURT

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**Lahore, October 2023:** It is significant that while there has been a multitude of attacks on Ahmadiyya places of worship and graves in recent years, this year has witnessed a quantum jump in such violations. More than 44 Ahmadiyya worship plac-

es and over a hundred graves have suffered attacks this year alone.

As a result, Mr. Nasrullah Mahmud, Ahmadi filed a writ in the Lahore High Court on behalf of the

community that demands protection of the Ahmadis' properties and holy sites as they are citizens of the Pakistani state. The government of Punjab was named the other party in the writ.

The first hearing took place in the court of Justice Muhammad Sajid Mahmud Sethi on October 15,

2023. He inquired as to why security was not provided to Ahmadiyya places of worship, graveyards and other holy sites. He told the administration to provide the required foolproof security at the earliest and required the Punjab government to submit a reply to the writ petition.

## A WHIFF OF FRESH AIR FROM LAHORE HIGH COURT

**Lahore; August 31, 2023:** A case of bail of 5 Ahmadis of Wazirabad was pending before the Lahore High Court on their role in the local Ahmadiyya mosque built in 1915, with minarets, etc. Mr. Justice Tariq Saleem Sheikh, confirmed the bail and wrote the following in his verdict *inter alia*:

15. In the present case, the gravamen of the complaint against the Petitioners is the Islamic-style minaret of their worship place. True, the minaret is a religious symbol for Muslims, but it is also an architectural feature. The earliest mosques lacked minarets. At the time of the Holy Prophet Muhammad PBUH, the call to prayer (Azan) was made from the highest roof near the mosque. Varying theories exist about the origin of minarets. Some scholars think that early Muslims adopted Greek watch towers to call people to prayer, which Muslims used for their own purposes before deciding to create their own architectural structure. Others believe that the Ziggurat towers of the Babylonian empire inspired the minaret.
16. I do not need to determine in these proceedings whether sections 298-B and 298-C PPC prohibit and criminalize the construction of a worship place by Qadianis resembling a mosque. However, in my opinion, they do not mandate that the structures built before the promulgation of Ordinance XX of 1984, by which these provisions were introduced, should be razed or altered.
17. As adumbrated, Qadianis built the worship place in question way back in 1922 and have inscribed Bait-ul-Zikar at its doorway. The Petitioners are just its caretakers. I wonder if they can be punished for an architecture crafted a hundred years ago. Admittedly, there is no allegation that they call the aforementioned worship place a mosque or have otherwise done anything that may hurt the feelings of Muslims within the contemplation of section 298-C PPC. The Complainant has not explained why he kept mum for about 38 years after the promulgation of Ordinance XX of 1984 and what prompted him to lodge FIR No.699/2022. The Petitioners allege that he is attempting to score political points.
18. I cannot understand how the doctrine of continuing offence is attracted to the facts and circumstances of the instant case. It is a settled principle that the prosecution must prove that the accused possessed mens rea when he committed the act which caused the actus reus. However, as the case of Fagan explained, where an actus reus may be brought about by a continuing action, it is sufficient that the accused had mens rea during its continuance, albeit he did not have mens rea at its inception. When Qadianis built their worship place, its architectural design did not violate any law then in force. They have not committed any continuing act to bring about actus reus now. Even if sections 298-B and 298-C PPC are assumed as strict liability offences, the prosecution must show that the Petitioners did something to constitute actus reus. It has not done so.
19. In **Tahir Naqash and others v. The State others (PLD 2022 SC 385)**, the Supreme Court of Pakistan stated:

“Article 260(3) of the Constitution, though declares the Ahmadis/Qadianis as non-Muslim, it neither disowns them as citizens of Pakistan nor deprives them of their entitlement to the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution. The Constitution treats, safeguards and protects all its citizens equally, whether they are Muslims or non-Muslims. Article 4 of the Constitution is an inalienable right of every citizen, including minority citizens of Pakistan, which guarantees the right to enjoy the protection of law and to be treated in accordance with law.”

20. I have accepted the application and admitted the Petitioners to pre-arrest bail by short order of even date. These are reasons for it.

-Sd-  
(Tariq Saleem Sheikh)  
Judge

This noble judgement is a step in the right direction. One hopes that the TLP and the authorities will refrain now onward from the crime of demolishing the minarets and niches in Ahmadiyya mosques.

## A BASELESS APPEAL REJECTED BY PESHAWAR HIGH COURT

**Peshawar; November 14, 2023:** A fabricated case was registered on September 10, 2020, in Phandu Police Station District Peshawar, under PPC 295-C, against an Ahmadi youth Mr. Abdul Majeed for allegedly committing blasphemy against the Holy Prophet PBUH. He was subsequently arrested on September 14, 2020.

According to details, before the registration of the case, a violent mob attacked the house of the accused. They tried to torch the building along with its residents. The police evacuated him and his family and they temporarily moved to Rawalpindi. Succumbing to the pressure from the opponents, the authorities registered a case and arrested him.

The case continued in Session Court Peshawar. On November 23, 2022, Additional Session Judge Tahir Aurangzaib Khan found PPC 295-C inapplicable and converted it to PPC 295-A for allegedly

outraging religious feelings. In his verdict, he sentenced the youth to 5 years imprisonment and fined him 500,000 Rupees.

During his incarceration, the national festivals and other concessions in imprisonment resulted in his early release after two years, seven months, and twenty days. After serving his time in prison and payment of the fine, he was released on May 6, 2023. The opponents then filed an appeal against this verdict of the Sessions Court in Peshawar High Court and demanded a re-imposition of PPC 295-C and penalty of death.

On November 14, 2023, a two-member bench of the Peshawar High Court comprising Justice Ishtiaq Ibrahim and Justice Sahibzada Asad Ullah, rejected the appeal of the opponents and maintained the verdict of the Sessions Court.

## PETITION OF A SACKED JUDGE AGAINST HIS REMOVAL

Five years ago, an anti-Ahmadiyya Mulla approached Justice Siddiqui of the Islamabad High Court regarding Ahmadiyya issues related to elections and their administration. Siddiqui presided

over the case for weeks, possibly months, and invited leading anti-Ahmadi mulla as Amicus Curiae, selectively choosing ‘constitutional experts’ to issue a verdict on Ahmadis without allowing any Ahmadi

representation. The resulting 172-page verdict was notably hostile and historic in its anti-Ahmadiyya stance. In that verdict, Justice Siddiqui, in a nutshell, implied:

- For joining Civil Service, Army, or Judiciary, a faith affidavit is compulsory.
- Parliament should take measures that **“will completely terminate those who scar this belief”** (in the End of Prophethood).
- Citizens of Pakistan must get their religious identity with authentic particulars.
- Called lack of religious identity data of civil servants ‘alarming’ and ‘a major setback’.
- He declared that the minority members who do not hold a distinct identity due to their names and general attire, ‘leads to crises’.
- In his opinion, **“appointment of a non-Muslim on constitutional posts is against our organic law and rituals.”**
- Every Muslim must guard and protect his nucleus belief (in the End of Prophethood).
- To get CNIC, Passport, Birth Certificate, and entry in the Voters List, an affidavit must be sworn by the applicant based on the definition of Muslim and Non-Muslim.
- NADRA must fix the time duration for any citizen who intends to make corrections/changes in the already given particulars, especially religion.
- It is binding on the state to take care of the rights, feelings, and religious beliefs of the Muslim Ummah and to also ensure the protection of the rights of minorities in the light of teachings of ‘Islam’ being the religion declared by the Constitution of the Country.

According to some political pundits, decisions with such far-reaching social implications could only be taken by the Supreme Court and not a single judge of a High Court. A member of HRCP called the ruling **“very dangerous”**.

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, the leading NGO in this field in the country, termed this ruling a **‘cause for serious concern’ and recommended: “It is essential that the government act in aid of its minority citizens by appealing this ruling speedily and robustly.”**<sup>1</sup>

During the court proceedings, Siddiqui made remarks and observations that were noteworthy but highly unbecoming of a high court judge. For instance:

- If Ahmadis wish to stay in Pakistan, they should do so as non-Muslim citizens, and not commit thievery against Islam (naqb na lagian).
- The Ulema should demand (of the government) that Pakistan be run as per its Constitution.
- A committee of ulema should examine candidates’ religious beliefs before their appointments.
- Siddiqui recorded in bold print that in early Islam (allegedly) non-Muslims were made to put on different attire for identification, etc; etc.
- When cautioned on his approach to the ‘End of Prophethood’ provisions in the law, he blurted out, **“If heavens fall, I don’t care.”**
- Siddiqui sent for NADRA officials to his court and made them draft and implement affidavits regarding faith. These were designed to specifically target Ahmadis.
- He required that the travel records of 10,000 persons who converted to Ahmadiyyat be presented to him.
- He wanted the use of “Ghulam Mirzai/Mirzai” with names to identify a ‘Qadiani’.

Siddiqui knew it and had no qualms about pushing Pakistan back to be medieval age of Europe. Pakistani intellectuals, who knew history and cared for higher values of individual and community life, came forth

<sup>1</sup> <https://hrcp-web.org/hrcpweb/government-should-appeal-hc-ruling-on-declaration-of-faith-hrcp-calls-for-government-to-file-appeal/>

openly with their comments. We quote only a few of these:

- Ms. Zohra Yousuf, a board member at the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan called Siddiqui's ruling **'very dangerous'**.
- Mr. Saroop Ijaz of Human Rights Watch said, **"The judge is 'not only attacking everybody's religious freedom in Pakistan but he is also focusing on one particular sect, which is Ahmadi. A judgment like this would enable and incite violence.'**
- The newspaper Nation commented<sup>2</sup>, **"... IHC should have the foresight to indicate the abuse and bloodshed such a law could open the doors to. Moreover, this order to make a sort of black list for Ahmadis, which is eerily reminiscent of concentration camps, is targeting of a religious group, and goes against the equality clause of the Constitution."**
- Ms. Mehr Tarar wrote an article<sup>3</sup> titled: **Why Ahmadi Muslims are doomed in Pakistan**, warned of an organized genocide of Ahmadis in Pakistan, and wrote: **Now it is an open season on Ahmadis in Pakistan. And now more than ever, Pakistan is no country for anyone who looks at himself and lives his life as an Ahmadi Muslim.**

Ahmadiyya central office minced no words in its candid comment on these one-sided proceedings of Siddiqui court and assessed in its public report: *"His own comments and observations were largely lies, distorted facts, half-truths, slander, vilification, conjecture, and gossip."* It is judges like Shaukat Siddiqui who bring disrepute and untrustworthiness to the honorable judiciary, that is eventually haunting Pakistan these days, having done permanent damage.

On October 11, 2018, Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui senior puisne judge of the Islamabad High Court was recommended to be removed by the Supreme Council. The President was pleased to remove him with immediate effect the same day. Ministry of Law and Justice denotified this IHC judge immediately and TV stations broadcast the news the same evening.

Justice © Siddiqui will be remembered for several cases, proceedings of trials, verdicts, and inter alia his 172-page Judgment sheet on the Ahmadiyya issue.

Ahmadis had turned to Allah in their prayers against his very scandalous, malicious, and hurtful judgment. Only three months and 7 days later, Siddiqui was sent home, never to return to preside over a court hearing, as the Supreme Judicial Council headed by the Chief Justice of Pakistan summed up their judgment on Siddiqui, in these words, in another case: Article-II of the Code of Conduct demands that the judge should be abstemious, truthful of tongue, wise in opinion, cautious and forbearing and always preserving calmness, balance and complete detachment. The daily Dawn, October 13, 2018

SIDDIQUI WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR GROSSLY VIOLATING ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE IN HIS ANTI-AHMADIYYA JUDGMENT THAT REMAINS EFFECTIVE AND IN FORCE, NEVERTHELESS.

Regrettably, despite his controversial past and extremist views, Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui's petition contesting his dismissal is being expedited in the Supreme Court. His potential reinstatement poses a significant threat to the already precarious situation for Ahmadis. While justice must prevail, appointing a judge with such extreme views risks further bias and unfair treatment towards minorities.

#### Notes:

1. Proofs of almost all incidents and statements quoted in this story are available in the form of press cuttings, videos, reports, etc. with the Ahmadiyya central office.
2. A 10-page report on Justice Siddiqui's handling of the 2018 Ahmadiyya case is available in Chapter 1A of our Annual Persecution Report for the Year 2018. Ahmadiyya's rebuttal of Siddiqui's 172-page judgment is available in our 36-page Supplementary (Monthly) Report for July 2018.

1. <https://www.reuters.com/article/id/JSKCN1GL29D/>

2. <https://www.nation.com.pk/10-Mar-2018/the-miscarriages-of-justice>

3. <https://www.dailyin.voices/pakistan-ahmadi-muslim-islamabad-high-court-islam-22768>

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## THE ADMINISTRATION; THE MULLA

*To garner support from right-wing religious factions, General Ziaul Haq enforced an Islamist state in Pakistan. The imposition of Anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX stemmed from this policy. Unfortunately, even after the general's demise in an air crash in 1988, no regime, whether democratic or military, has succeeded in shedding his legacy.*

*The country is currently governed by caretaker administrations. Inheriting power from the PDM in the federal capital and Mr. Parvez Elahi in Punjab, they have chosen to perpetuate the anti-Ahmadi policy of their predecessors. So, for Ahmadis' human rights, it is 'business as usual'.*

*This year the police and the administration broke the previous record in defiling Ahmadiyya mosques. Graves were also abundantly targeted. For instance, the police itself demolished tombstones of 74 Ahmadiyya graves in Daska Kalan, Punjab on September 22.*

*Note: Many of the stories in chapters 3, 4, and 5, regarding the registration of police cases, attacks on mosques, and graves, are directly linked to the collaborative efforts of the administration and the mulla. Hence, it would be beneficial to reference those incidents in this context as well.*



*Subject to law, public order and morality (a) every citizen shall have the right to profess, practice and propagate his religion; and (2) every religious denomination and every sect thereof shall have the right to establish, maintain and manage its religious institutions.*

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CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN (ARTICLE 20)

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*It is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law.*

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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (PREAMBLE)

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*No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have a religion or belief of his choice. No one shall be subject to discrimination by any state, Institution, group of persons, or person on the grounds of religion or other belief.*

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UN DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE AND DISCRIMINATION BASED  
ON RELIGION OR BELIEF ARTICLES 1(2) AND 2(1)

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## “POUR PETROL ON IT (AHMADI NEIGHBOR’S HOUSE ON FIRE), NOT WATER”, A SENIOR MULLA’S GUIDANCE

**Sargodha; January 2023:** International Human Rights Committee issued the following Incident Report on January 08, 2023. We reproduce it below verbatim for benefit of all concerned. However, first we translate the relevant extract of the mulla’s address:

**“To eat, drink, sit, stand, business, be with them in their moment of sadness and moment of happiness, buy things from their shop, give them things from your shop, hire them as salesman, all these things fall under the category of being Haraam. If a Mirzai passes away, his funeral prayer should not**

**be offered, if he falls ill he should not be attended, if he is found fallen down on the road he should not be taken to hospital, and if his house catches fire in your neighborhood, if possible you may pour petrol on it, not water. The rights of minorities are for Christians, Jews, Sikhs, and Hindus — not for them. There cannot be any concession to Mirzaiat and Qadianiat.”**



### INCIDENT REPORT

#### “POUR PETROL ON HIS HOUSE, NOT WATER”: PAKISTANI MULLA INCITES DEATH ON AHMADI MUSLIMS

In another major escalation of anti-Ahmadiyya sentiment in Pakistan, a radical religious cleric has called for a total boycott of Ahmadi Muslims. In a speech by Syed Muhammad Sibtain Shah Naqvi (Patron Markazi Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadees, Punjab; Founder and Principal of Markaz Imam Bukhari Sargodha), he went to the inhumane extent of saying, “if an Ahmadi’s house is on fire, you should pour petrol on it, not water”. This egregious and toxic statement risks influencing impressionable youth in an environment already extremely hostile to Ahmadi Muslims who have every basic human right stripped away from them in the country. Their voice is being suffocated as Ahmadi representatives are being de-platformed at events and educational institutions. Last year saw a violent and cynical escalation of anti-Ahmadiyya activities with grievous murders, gravestones vandalized and mosques attacked. Now the New Year begins with fresh calls for violence, hatred and inhumane action against Ahmadis, in unrelenting systemic persecution against the peaceful and charitable Ahmadiyya Muslims Community.

The cleric went on to claim that minority rights apply to Jews, Christians, Sikhs and Hindus but not to Ahmadis. “The rights of the minorities are for the Christians, Jews, Sikhs, Hindus and it is not for them. There cannot be any relaxation with Mirzaiat and Qadianiat.” He said: “To eat, drink, sit, stand, do business, to be with them in their moment of sadness and moment of happiness, to buy things from their shop, to give them things from your shop, to hire them as salesmen all these things fall under the category of being Haraam.” The mulla went on further dehumanize Ahmadis in a sickening and twisted speech which echoes the worst crimes of ostracisation and ‘othering’ seen in human history. “If a Mirzai (derogatory term for Ahmadis) passes away his funeral should not be offered, if he falls ill he should not be attended, if he is found fallen down on the road he should not be taken to the hospital, if his house catches fire while he is living in your neighborhood, and if possible you can pour petrol on it, not water.” This level of dehumanization is not only against international human rights but every basic human and moral principles. It reeks of extreme hatred, prejudice and venom. This kind of rhetoric continues in Pakistan with authorities turning a blind eye. Anti-Ahmadiyya laws give license for such degraded sentiment to flourish with impunity.

The international community is urged to pressure the government of Pakistan to afford Ahmadi Muslims the same basic standards of human rights and protection of minorities offered to others and enshrined in international human rights laws. On July 13, 2021, UN human rights experts expressed their deep concern over the lack of attention to the serious human rights violations perpetrated against the Ahmadiyya community around the world and called on the international community to step up efforts in bringing an end to the ongoing persecution of Ahmadis. We once again urge the international community to pressure the Government of Pakistan to honor its responsibility to provide protection to all its citizens, ensure freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and bring perpetrators of inciters of such vicious attacks to justice. The Government of Pakistan must also bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 2, 18 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

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## AIRBORNE MULLA CALLS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF AHMADIS

A malicious and fierce campaign is being perpetuated across social media platforms and other online forums. These hate videos aim to identify and target Ahmadis to cause them harm and social isolation.

On February 3, 2023, a known cleric Mufti Abdul



Wahid Qureshi recorded a hate-filled video while aboard a flight on Pakistan International Airlines (PIA). It called for a boycott of businesses owned by Ahmadis. In this video, Qureshi, a known hate preacher, calls on the Minister of Aviation, Khawaja Saad Rafique to ensure that PIA has no business ties with any business owned by Ahmadis.

Qureshi says that Shezan Ketchup, a division of Shezan International Limited, is being served in flights in violation of the Constitution of Pakistan (sic). He further states that no product or service which is associated with any Ahmadi should be ever advertised (read served on board). We produce below English translation of the vernacular video:

***“Today is 3rd of February 2023. ... Viewers, kindly forward it as much as you can, so that it reaches the administration, and they take its notice. “Peace and blessings of Allah be upon you. “I’m Mufti Abdul Wahid Qureshi, your brother, speaking to you while on a flight of PIA from Lahore to Karachi. At this moment, the ketchup sachet that you can see, is of the Shezan Company, owned by Qadianis, and in our Pakistan International Airlines, it is being profusely promoted. Our Aviation Minister, Khawaja Saad Rafique, is the son of an eminent personality. He should take notice of this and all those friends who are watching this should forward and convey this message to the minister — what’s going on?”***

***“We boycott them (Qadianis) socially. They don’t recognize the Constitution of my lovely country Pakistan (sic). Apart from the Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet PBUH, they don’t even uphold our Constitution. Therefore, there is no room for them in the Constitution. Why, then are their products being advertised? This shouldn’t happen. Stop this and become eligible for the intercession of the Holy Prophet PBUH. Thanks.”***

## A THOROUGH PROBE IN LIBRARIES!

### Guess against what!

**Chiniot; April 5, 2023:** The Deputy Director (Colleges), District Chiniot has issued a circular forming committees, comprising professors and lecturers, to investigate and report that no library of any college (public or private) has a copy of the Holy Quran with ‘new translation’ prepared by the Qadiani/Ahmadi Community. The committees were directed to obtain certificates from all the Principals to the effect ‘separately’, and submit the report to DD’s office within three days. The urgency is noteworthy.

The opening sentence of this circular mentions, “On behalf of telephonic message of the High ups, you are directed to inspect thoroughly all the libraries....”

It is interesting and noteworthy that this circular makes no mention of the title of the publication nor of its publisher, nor any other identity, whose

absence is to be verified. It is mentioned as ‘new translation’; even Ahmadis are curious to know and locate such a translation. Only a few Ahmadis in Pakistan might be aware of a recent translation of the Holy Quran in Dogri language. Most Ahmadis would perhaps not know the country where it is spoken. The Deputy Director would have done better to task his Committees to locate an Ahmadi or a non-Ahmadi who in their area can read and understand Dogri. We are sure that the DD himself has not seen this ‘new translation’.

One Sadia Ahmad, @SadiaTheSadia, reproduced this very circular in her tweet with this note: The interim government has gone nuts. It is doing everything except the job given to it. Now the libraries and schools will be raided to “produce” Qurans with Ahmadiyya translation. Hilarious!

We provide copy of this Circular as Annex XI to this report.

## SPECIAL STATEMENT OF THE NEW MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

**May 27, 2023:** Senator M Talha Mahmood (JI) who was recently appointed Federal Minister of Religious Affairs decided to send for a journalist, and had his statement recorded in a video. Thereafter, he had it uploaded as a tweet from the address @senatorMtalha. We produce it below with our English translation:



### Translation:

The issue of publicity of Qadiani products on social media

A strong reaction from Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, the Federal Minister of Religious Affairs.

Orders elimination of brochures. Report demanded within two days.

### On the Picture:

Special interview of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Federal Minister of Religious Affairs Talk on the issue of publicity of Qadiani products on social media

The minister’s talk in this 2:13 video is rather garbled. It can, however, be assessed that it is about the publicity of some commercial products pro-

duced by a company with majority shareholders of Ahmadis (perhaps Shezan) in a brochure that was provided to pilgrims headed for Hajj. The minister expressed his ‘intense pain’ (*Bara dukh hua*) over this, and demanded ‘urgent action’ and a report from concerned authorities “within two days”. He stated that the issue touched on the sentiments of the people involved in a religious ritual.

The senator has, regrettably, found it politically advantageous to go public on this non-issue. How could publicity of a Qadiani product in a brochure be so objectionable to the pilgrims, while they were

all traveling on a plane, designed, produced, and marketed by non-Muslims? None of them was prepared to jump out of it. Also, he knows that Ahmadis from Pakistan, till the 1970s/1980s, used to perform Hajj, and those from other countries still do.

The minister unnecessarily got carried away by the complaints of a few bigots. He is enlightened enough to realize the demerits of such sentiments. Surely, the minister of a country, faced with its economic and political crises of May 2023, should have little time to attend to such frivolous and petty complaints.

## AHMADI DOCTOR PERSECUTED BY THE FAISALABAD POLICE

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**Naimat Colony, District Faisalabad; July 25, 2023:** Police came over to the clinic of Syed Kaleem Ahmad during their security visit to the area. The DSP saw the board of Mr. Kaleem’s clinic, on which his name carries the prefix “Syed”. He ordered to erase the word “Syed”, on which he was intimidated that the Doctor wasn’t around. He arrogantly told the dispenser to remove the board itself; this was done as ordered.

After removing the board, the DSP wanted to check the clinic for undeclared reason; he asked

the dispenser to open it. He replied, “The key is with the doctor, who is not here.” The DSP ordered the clinic to be locked and called the Doctor to the police station. When the Ahmadiyya delegation went to the police station, it was learned that all this was done due to a demand made by the TLP. After talks, Ahmadis were permitted to open the clinic. Earlier, an undertaking was similarly obtained from Ahmadis not to sacrifice on the occasion of Eid.

Faisalabad is the district where Jaranwala is located.

## PIOUS INSCRIPTIONS REMOVED FROM AHMADIS’ HOMES

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**Gujranwala; February 12, 2023:** Some policemen showed up at the residence of an Ahmadi, Munir Ahmad Khokhar, at Ameer Park, Gujranwala. They inquired about his religious identity, and stated that they had received a complaint against the words “MashAllah” (what God has willed) engraved on the tiles of his house’s façade, these would be removed. The residents of the house urged them not to do so. Meanwhile, non-Ahmadi neighbors came over and asked the police to refrain from the enormity. The police replied that if anyone had any reservations, they should come over to the police station. This was an unwelcome invitation in Paki-

stani environment. So the police removed the tiles on which the holy words were written.

Thereafter, these policemen went to another house of an Ahmadi. They asked for Naseem Ahmad, but he was away at work. Before the local Ahmadi office-bearers could arrive, the opponent mulla removed the inscribed wording of “MashAllah” from the residences of two Ahmadis, Naseem Ahmad and Mansoor Ahmad, and took these away.

An Ahmadi community official was told subsequently that the mulla had come over, so the DSP had to send the police team.

## PROVOCATIVE POSTERS PASTED AT AHMADI HOMES

**Faisalabad; October 2023:** Posters of the Khatme Nabuwat Conference, to be held on October 26 and 27 far away in Rabwah, were pasted at the houses of Mr. Tariq Ahmad Sahi (local Ahmadiyya Amir), Mr. Zaheer Sikander and another Ahmadi of-fice-bearer by two unidentified motorcyclists. These posters were thrown in a few Ahmadi homes as well. At the same time, posters were pasted on the house and clinic of Dr. Syed Kaleem Ahmad Shah.

All these are located in Madinah Town.

The Regional Police Officer Faisalabad issued de-tailed instructions to the DPOs of the three districts in the Division to make effective arrangements for the security of Ahmadiyya places of worship and the members of the community. Accordingly, Ahmadis in 69 RB Ghaseetpura and 57 Ghiala were contacted by the police and provided some visible support.

## APPLICATION FILED AGAINST TREATING AHMADIS AS MUSLIM

**Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh; May 2023:** An ap-plication was sent by the opponents to the DSP Go-jra in which the plaintiff Usman Munawar advocate took the position that the Special Branch issued a list of mosques for security measures on the occa-sion of Eid-ul-Fitr; the Ahmadiyya place of worship “Bait-ul-Hamad” was also included in the list.

In his application, apart from the In-charge Police Station City Gojra, the plaintiff included Mr. Khalil Ahmed and Mr. Ali Raza, Ahmadi residents of Gojra. He stated that on his visit to the said police station, he saw the list on the notice board, and found the Ahmadiyya place of worship mentioned therein; and the word “Ahmadiyya” was also written in the

box of religion, meant for Muslims. According to the Constitution of Pakistan, they are non-Muslim and not related to Islam, he said. Security has been pro-vided to the Ahmadiyya place of worship by the In-charge police station, the bigot added.

The applicant further wrote that according to the Constitution of Pakistan, Qadianis are not Muslim, nor can they practice any Islamic rituals, pretend-ing to be Muslim. Therefore, action should be taken against the mentioned individuals, he demanded. It is noteworthy that Ahmadis had no role in prepar-ing the said lists, nor with organizing police protec-tion.

## A NOTABLE HATE-MONGER

**Twitter; June 16, 2023:** There is no shortage of hate-mongers in Pakistan, although the country does not need them. They spread hate based on politics, ethnicity, language, caste, creed, etc. Ah-madis are often targeted, however, there are not many miscreants who use social media for this pur-pose in a senseless manner. There is a fresh entrant in this field who tweets from address @Riaz\_Hus-

sain77, and calls himself RH Riaz. Riaz refers to Ah-madis with the sole object of slander, hate, malice, bad-mouthing, etc. without caring whether his mes-sage makes any sense, has any logic, or is support-ed by even half-truths. We do not know who is his paymaster and what he gets per posting, regardless of its worth. We produce one of his recent fabrica-tions below, as a specimen:



### Translation

#### (The opening statement)

Who are (these) people who talk about Qadianis' rights? In fact, the greatest danger to Islam is the Qadianis. All these are shameless Qadianis.

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

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

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

Top: What kind of Muslims are these?

Left column: I seek the forgiveness of Allah.

Right column: I seek the forgiveness of Allah.

Centre: Unreadable

Bottom: Undiscernible

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

Bottom: **What sort of religion is this?**

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

Last, not least, Ahmadis played an active role in creation of Pakistan. They remain its genuine well-wishers.

## BIGOTRY PREVAILS OVER CHARITY

**79 Nawan Kot, District Sheikhpura; April 2023:** Ahmadis all over Pakistan, in the spirit of the holy month of Ramazan had planned, and undertook charity to help and support poor sections of the society regardless of the recipients' caste or creed. Accordingly, Ahmadis of Nawan Kot distributed 250 packets of victuals to the needy in the village, including the non-Ahmadis.

Religious extremists came to know of this distribution effort. They approached the police, and went around the village withdrawing the packets. They took back approximately 50 packets, however most

of the people refused to part with what they had got. Even the Imam of the mosque refused to comply with the demand of the bigots. He was made to suffer for it.

The police took charge of all the recovered packets and took these along saying that these would be returned to the donors.

The donors have not received the packets, nor is there any likelihood of their return, as these have reached the deserving inflation-afflicted servants of the state.

## NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER TO GRANT AHMADIS THEIR VOTING RIGHTS

**Islamabad; July 26, 2023:** The federal government managed to have several bills passed in the joint

session of the parliament. One of these was regarding numerous amendments to the Elections Act.

The press reported that 54 items were taken up. However, the one item that, in our opinion was the most important, was not even suggested; it was facilitating Ahmadis voting rights in a genuine joint electorate.

*“We have done this work diligently, in the national interest and taking it as a service to the country,” the law minister said. “Neither any ill intention can be attributed to it nor any unnecessary haste.”* Arab News, updated July 25, 2023<sup>1</sup>

## BRUTALITY IN BHERA

**Bhera, District Sargodha; July 24, 2023:** Bhera is important in Ahmadiyya history as Khalifa tul Masih I hailed from this town. Nowadays, some Ahmadis live there and are content with their historical mosque complex.

In the year 2021, Ahmadis undertook essential repairs to their mosque. The opponents approached the police, and on their orders, the repair work was stayed. A joint committee was formed that decided that the roof could be repaired, but no repairs would be undertaken to the minarets and the niche. The administration unabashedly undertook the destruction of the Kalima in the yard and the hall of the mosque.

This year, Ahmadis undertook repairs to the adjacent missionary house. On July 23, the mulla took out a rally and demanded a stoppage of the repair work and the removal of the minarets.

The next day, the AC and DSP Bhera sent for the Ahmadi elders. On arrival, they found that mulla

and their media personnel were also present. The administration appeared to be impotent in the presence of mulla, so after some nominal discussion they made Ahmadis sign the following terms, inter alia:

- The tablet on which *بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ* is written, and also other Islamic material will be removed from the Qadiani mosque in the presence of a member of the municipal committee, the police, and the town committee.
- The minarets of the Qadiani mosque will be reverted to the pre-repairs state.
- The constructed caping (mundair) in the Qadiani mosque would be removed.
- Qadianis will undertake and complete all these actions by August 15, 2023.

Mr. Mohsin Naqvi is the chief minister in the Punjab and Mr. Shehbaz Sharif headed the PDM federal government in Islamabad.

## A SEVERE WARNING

**PTA; February 2023:** We produce below translation of a warning issued by Pakistan Telecommunica-

tions Authority. (Original can be seen in Annex XII)

### Warning

#### For Social Media/Internet Users

It is to inform the public that according to the Publication of the Holy Quran (error-free publication and recording) Act 1973, any publication or recording of the Holy Quran published by unregistered publishers of the Holy Quran; or any published Quran or any section of Quran, in any form (book, record, curricular book, etc.) recorded or published in which any word, alphabet, vowel (Araab) has been replaced, or sequence

<sup>1</sup>. <https://arab.news/mgha3>

of any verse or chapter has been altered; or any translation or commentary by a non-Muslim which contradicts the beliefs of Muslims; in all of the above-mentioned situations, the perpetrators of such crimes will be subjected to severest punishments.

Moreover, under section 295-B of Pakistan Penal Code, the blasphemer of the Holy Quran, its pages or its excerpts, may be imprisoned for life.

So, the public (Muslim and non-Muslim citizens) is requested to exercise utmost care regarding religious matters, holy scriptures, holy personages; and demonstrate responsibility, especially on social media, regarding reviewing, commenting, and publishing etc, on these matters.

## Be Aware

that concerned branches of the Government of Pakistan are constantly monitoring any illegal, hate promoting, and blasphemous content and, under the light of the Constitution and judicial orders, take action against those involved in such crimes.

All citizens are requested to immediately report any illegal, hate promoting, and blasphemous content, particularly on social media, to those social media platforms or to Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) on the following link:

<https://complaint.pta.gov.pk/RegisterComplaint.aspx>

[content-complaint@pta.gov.pk](mailto:content-complaint@pta.gov.pk)

Furthermore, for legal actions against the involved persons have a complaint registered with Cyber Crime Wing, FIA on:

Call:1991

[helpdesk@nr3c.gov.pk](mailto:helpdesk@nr3c.gov.pk)

## Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA)

PTA Headquarters, F5/1 Islamabad

### A few remarks and observations on the above:

- As for Ahmadis are concerned, we are fully in favour of all reasonable actions taken by the state to ensure that the Quranic text, in any form, should be authentic and untampered in every way.
- We are also cognizant that in the past the state came up repeatedly with laws that apparently were based on fair intentions, but ended up being misused by authorities or groups or individuals with malafide intentions, aims and objectives. These include anti-terror laws, blasphemy laws, Sharia sections, Results Transmission System, Electronic Crimes Act, press laws, maintenance of law and order rules etc. Publication of the Holy
- Quran Act 1973 is also one such law.
- Few people are aware of any deliberate attempts in Pakistan to corrupt the text of the Holy Quran. Most probably there are none.
- However, “the extension, or any translation or commentary by a non-Muslim which contradicts the beliefs of Muslims” is obviously aimed at Ahmadis.
- The expression ‘the beliefs of Muslims’ is also more speculative than real. Apart from the belief in One God and Muhammad PBUH being His Messenger there is hardly another ‘belief of Muslims’ that is shared by all the 72 sects in Islam.
- As for translations, there are dozens of trans-



lations available in the market; these are all somewhat different from one another. It is in the nature of translation. There is no standard translation version acceptable to all Muslims. Nor is there any such 'commentary'.

- Apparently, there is not sufficient and valid reason to raise alarm and issue 'Warning' and threaten the population with 'severest punishment', 'imprisonment for life', 'action against those involved in such crimes', etc.
- We give a straight forward advice to the competent higher authorities of PTA to calm

down, not get agitated over imaginary and fictitious threats. Those who have raised this alarm have their own selfish agenda.

- Pakistan is committed to freedom of Religion or Belief in its Constitution and international obligations like UDHR and ICCPR. PTA should stay clear of religious bigots, whatever their worldly status; they are not sincere to Pakistani state and society. Seventy-two years of national history and the present state of Pakistan are sufficient proof in support of this opinion.

## TLP'S MODUS OPERANDI CONCERNING AHMADIS

**Jhelum:** Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), a religio-political party, was brought into being in August 2014. It was led by top mulla of the Barelvi faction. Over the next few years, it developed fast and became quite a nuisance for the ruling elite. It mounted numerous marches etc. on Islamabad and dared to kill law enforcement personnel in confrontations.

During intervals, when this party is not busy in active conflict with the rulers, it keeps itself busy with anti-Ahmadi activism. Ahmadis are a soft target, and TLP finds the authorities to be very compliant when any anti-Ahmadi demand(s) is made to them under threat.

In July, with the sensitive Muharram approaching,



### Translation:

Safeguarding the End of Prophethood PBUH March will not be delayed even for one minute at 10 a.m. on 10th Muharram ul Haraam. The procession will get underway at 09:30 precisely from the Central Office, Sarai Alamgir.

### Demands

1. Minarets and niches of all Qadianis' centers (of worship) should be removed in District Jhelum.
2. Total and most stringent restrictions should be applied to Qadianis' activities and their practice of Islamic shaaire (rites).

**From Shaandar Chowk to Qadiani Centre, minarets should be pulled down (sic).**

### Photo

**Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Asim Ashfaq Rizvi** (Servant Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan, Guardian of the Honour of Prophethood)

### Two photos of

**Ch. Nazakat Ali Rizvi** (Amir Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan PP28)

**Syed Chan Pir Shah** (Senior Executive Tehreek-e-Labbaik PP-28)

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the TLP in Jhelum targeted an Ahmadiyya mosque and issued the following poster in addition to verbal threats from the podium:

And sure enough, the police destroyed the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Kalan Gujran, District Jhelum, on July 14. The threats, the posters, the police action all worked like a well-lubricated machine — all acted in unison and harmony. Whith-

er Ahmadis' HR and FORB?

It is said, "According to NISP-II (National Internal Security Policy), inadequate application of the writ of the state and violations of human rights are crucial drivers of extremism. The growth of exclusionary identity discourses around gender, religion, sect and ethnicity has also contributed to the rise of extremism." CVE policy outline: The Daily Dawn, July 22, 2023<sup>1</sup>

## ANTI-AHMADIYYA CAMP IN THARPARKAR, SINDH

**Mithi, District Tharparkar; September 2023:** After Punjab, opponents of Ahmadiyya community are active in Sindh, especially in District Tharparkar. On September 5, 2023, some clerics, along with 20 people came to the manager of Al-Mahdi Hospital. They took down the banners of the People's Party on top of the city gate constructed on Mithi-Nokot road, wrote verses of Khatam-ul-Nabiyen and slogans: *Khatam Nabuwwat Zindabad*. Tahafuz-e-Khatme-Nabuwwat camp was also set up in

Kashmir Chowk Mithi. There people were incited against the Jamaat and anti-Ahmadiyya pamphlets were also distributed.

An Ahmadi Mr. Saeed Ahmed has a furniture shop in Mithi. On September 8, 2023, the recitation of the Holy Quran was going on at his shop, and the opponents made a video of it and said that they will submit this video to the police station. At that time, Mr. Saeed was not present at the shop.

## ANTI-AHMADIYYA PROTEST IN MANDI BHAUDDIN

**Mandi Bahauddin; December 2023:** The opponents had called for a protest outside the Shahtaj Sugar Mill on December 10, 2023, pertaining to the situation that no arrests had been made in the case over the Ahmadiyya mosque built in the sugar mill. Ahmadiyya delegation met the DPO in this regard. The other party was also present. Similarly, the area's landowners were also present who informed the police about their concerns and losses after the likely road closures. The police expressed no tolerance for any industrial unrest.

On December 10, 2023, the protesters gathered in front of the sugar mill and tried to block the road, but the police force, which was already present inside and outside the sugar mill, did not allow the miscreants to gather there. Thereafter, these people went to the city bus stand and tried to block the road there. On being opposed by the police, the miscreants, who numbered around 50, pelted stones at the police, and dispersed.

## FALSE ACCUSATION OF DEFILING THE HOLY QURAN

**Adrehman, District Sargodha; October 29, 2023:** A local cleric accused Ahmadis of burning and dese-

crating the Holy Quran. He did this to cover his own misdeed, by diverting the attention of the public.

<sup>1</sup>. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1766160>

The cleric of the local grand mosque stated in a video, the said mulla allegedly raped a child, and an FIR was registered accordingly, which was dismissed on intervention of a local MP.

On October 28, this cleric's brother reportedly attempted to rape another child. When the villagers came to know, they filed a complaint against him and called 15. As a result, the police reached the spot, but the accused escaped. The next day, the

said mulla made up this whole drama that Ahmadis had desecrated the Holy Quran, only to cover up the actual crime and divert the attention of the people.

The members of the District Peace Committee and Tehsil Kot Momin declared the mulla's allegation false and fabricated, after due investigation and recording the statements of the local people about the incident.

## VIOLENT EXTREMISTS' ACTIVE IN DISTRICT TT SINGH (PUNJAB)

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**Dhani Dev, T.T. Singh; September 30, 2023:** Two miscreants, Manzur Ahmad and Zaheer Ahmad came over to the local Ahmadiyya mosque and shouted diatribes from the gate. Four Ahmadis were present inside. Manzur Ahmad named an Ahmadi Mr. Rashid Ahmad and said that he would like to gain paradise by murdering Rashid.

Later Manzur intercepted Rashid in the bazaar and attempted to overrun him under his mare. Rashid managed to save himself by side-stepping.

A few days earlier Manzur was rude to the president of the local Ahmadi community and told him to wait for an encounter. Ahmadis informed the police.

## AHMADIS AREN'T SAFE EVEN IN PRISON

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**Camp Jail Lahore; October 2023:** Five Ahmadis are incarcerated in Camp Jail, Lahore. Their families visit them periodically, as per rules.

On September 19, 2023, while going for a meeting, a mulla, on seeing the Ahmadi women, started abusing the Ahmadiyya community. The police present there had to intervene and removed this bully from the jail premises, calling him insane.

Ahsan Boxer, a YouTuber, claimant of being the Mahdi, incarcerated there, had been trying to form a group against the Ahmadi prisoners in a systematic plan for some time. One day, when Ahmadi prisoners were offering prayer, he started shouting. The Deputy Superintendent Jail had to transfer him to another cell.

## YET ANOTHER LYNCHING

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**Mardan KPK May 6, 2023:** The man lynched by a mob was not an Ahmadi. He was a Deobandi mulla, a supporter of PTI, killed by a crowd comprising mostly PTI supporters. The incident manifests the social environment prevailing now in Pakistan, which has been deliberately and viciously created

and imposed in the country over the past decades. Ahmadis are falsely and repeatedly accused and targeted. If this can happen to a mulla, imagine the plight of Ahmadis who are not allowed even to say something in their defence (preaching!). The following extracts are quoted from reports published in

Tribune<sup>1</sup> and Dawn<sup>2</sup> and <sup>3</sup>.

*“A local cleric who happened to be an ardent supporter of Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) was lynched by an angry mob on the charges of blasphemy in the Mardan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) on Saturday. Police said that the cleric identified as Nigar was killed by PTI supporters when he delivered a speech at a PTI rally in Sawadhir village of the district.*

*“A video of the lynching was widely circulated on social media platforms in which the cleric could be seen lying on the ground and the angry mob stoned him. He appeared to be already dead in the footage.*

*“When we saw that the people (in the area) had gotten riled up and were planning to attack Nigar, we escorted him to a shop in the market (where the rally was being held). But people broke into the shop and started attacking him with punches, kicks, and clubs,” Khan said.*

*“This is not the first time a man has been lynched over blasphemy accusations in Mardan. Five years ago in Mardan, 23-year-old Mashal Khan a Mass Communication student at the Abdul Wali Khan University – was also lynched by a mob and shot at over allegations of blasphemy on April 23, 2017.”*

*“(In the video) The furious mob is seen jumping over the body.”*

Sources reported that the poor victim in his election speech merely praised the pious council candidate to the effect: *“I respect him the same way as I respect the prophets.”*

The daily Dawn of May 9, 2023, made editorial<sup>4</sup> comment on this incident, and concluded thus: *“Tackling this issue (of blasphemy) requires moral courage, fortitude and political consensus—a reality that continues to elude Pakistan.”*

Chaudhry brothers, rather than embracing courage and fortitude, politicians of PML-Q, fake mulla

Aamir Liaquat of ‘Alim on Line’, Advocate Ismail Qureshi, Ms. Samia Raheel Qazi (JI), Maulvi Tahir ul Qadri (of Minhaj ul Quran), etc. openly took credit of propounding and powerfully defending the blasphemy laws. PTI stalwart Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a minister of state called Ahmadiyya a great mischief (fitna) and called for the beheading of blasphemers. At the end of the year 2019, the Punjab Assembly headed by Mr. Parvez Elahi (of PML-Q, later President of Imran’s PTI) passed unanimously a resolution asking the federal government to make anti-blasphemy laws more stringent. Last, but not least, the mulla has worked hard in the past decades to promote the myth and falsehood that Ahmadiyya belief itself is blasphemous, and an Ahmadi by definition is a blasphemer. The law does not permit Ahmadis to defend themselves and explain that the accusations against them are false and baseless.

The mere fact that this lynching in Mardan on May 6 happened in a PTI Jalsa, shows the role of PTI and its chief in educating the common man in its extremist understanding of Islam.

The wrong elements of the society got their brainwashing and training in anti-Ahmadiyya school. Several incidents earlier occurred in this Mardan district where Ahmadis were targeted, and the administration unabashedly submitted to the word and will of the mulla and the bigot—for details see



our monthly reports of March and April 2015, October/November 2018, November 2019, and October 2000. The annual reports also mention these.

1. <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2415515/pti-supporter>

2. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1751515>

3. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1751396>

4. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1751737>

## THE HATE CAMPAIGN: RALLIES, CONFERENCES



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*The relentless hate campaign against Ahmadis persisted throughout the year, despite initiatives like the National Action Plan, Paigham e Pakistan, and the Code of Conduct. Mulla demanded the government to exempt anti-Ahmadiyya activities, and authorities seemingly complied without hesitation. It is distressing that not only do the authorities fail to halt this overt hate campaign, but they also facilitate it by granting permission for hostile rallies and conferences in Rabwah and other places under the guise of 'End of Prophethood', which is unjustifiable.*

*Such rallies were fewer this year perhaps because the mulla got what he wanted from authorities, there was not great need to hold conferences which cost money.*

*The hate campaign goes on not just through rallies but also in print and electronic media. The vernacular press has no qualms publishing blatant anti-Ahmadi statements of clerics. The mulla publish hateful anti-Ahmadi books, brochures and leaflets as well as stickers for free distribution - even for schools.*

*These extensive rallies and conferences, accommodating thousands over several days, incur expenses despite free boarding and lodging. The source of funding remains a known concern to authorities, yet they permit it, despite the recognized stance that extremism and sectarianism are detrimental to Pakistan. The unimpeded hate campaign persisted unabated, with both the PDM and Caretaker governments maintaining the previous policy without interruption.*



*Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs. Whoever, with deliberate and malicious intention of outraging the religious feelings, of any class of the citizens of Pakistan, by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representation insults or attempts to insult the religion or the religious beliefs of that class, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years or with fine, or with both.*

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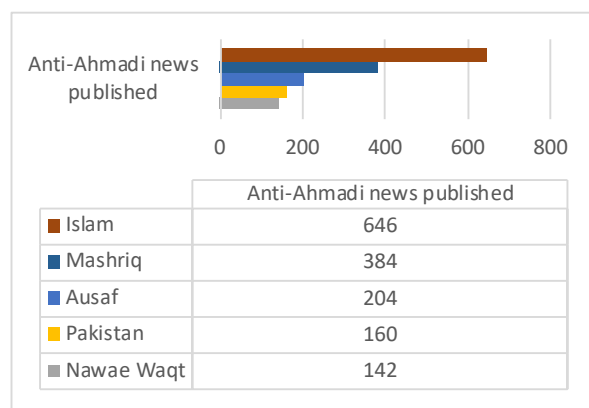
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## Hate and Silence: Examining Anti-Ahmadi Propaganda in 2023

In 2023, there was a notable increase in hostile actions against the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan, reflecting a continued determination to exclude Ahmadis from society. These actions ranged from publishing news articles and airing anti-Ahmadiyya TV shows to holding rallies, conventions, and spreading hate on social media. The situation is alarming, with minimal resistance against this animosity, leading to a gradual deterioration in the lives of Ahmadis in Pakistan. Unfortunately, the majority of the public either actively spreads hate or remains passive observers.

This survey aims to highlight the severity of the dangers faced by Ahmadis in Pakistan and how the media and administration contribute to exacerbating these issues. While our data is geographically limited, it underscores the pervasive hostility towards Ahmadis across Pakistan. In 2023 alone, over 2,161 articles were published in major newspapers, documenting numerous anti-Ahmadiyya statements that further fuel the already venomous environment. Regrettably, these newspapers have largely neglected to present the peaceful Ahmadiyya doctrine, instead amplifying the vicious and violent agenda of the clergy.



Given that over 10 million newspaper copies are printed daily in Pakistan, these articles have a significant impact, exacerbating the marginalization of Ahmadis. Authors of these articles often advocate

for harsher measures against Ahmadis, beyond existing blasphemy laws and anti-Ahmadiyya penal codes. It is our hope that this report will shed light on the various forms of hateful actions directed towards Ahmadis and emphasize the urgent need for action to address their plight.

Certain newspapers such as 'Daily Islam', 'Daily Mashriq', 'Daily Nawae Waqt', and 'Daily Jang' have played significant roles in exacerbating the situation. For instance, 'Daily Islam' printed 646 news stories and statements by renowned anti-Ahmadiyya figures, without ever objecting to the promotion of aggressive behavior.

In one instance, Daily Nawae Waqt<sup>1</sup> published Qari Yameen Gohar Chinioti and Tosefur Rahman, stating, *'Qadianis are astray from humanity, and the war against these deniers of Khatme Nabuwat will continue.'* Similarly, Daily Ausaf<sup>2</sup>, quoted Qari Shabir Ahmad Usmani, emphasizing that *'Amending the laws (blasphemy/anti-Ahmadiyya) is equivalent to playing with blood and fire.'*

The government declared May 9, a black day after a political party allegedly attacked army installations in the country. These events were entirely unrelated to the Ahmadiyya community, which is recognized for its peaceful nature. However, opponents began falsely associating these riots with the peaceful Ahmadiyya community. For instance, Daily Mashriq<sup>3</sup>, quoted Syed Muhammad Kafeel Bukhari (President Majlis-e Ahrar-e Islam) and Abdul Latif Khalid (General Secretary of Majlis-e Ahrar-e Islam), that, *'geographical and ideological boundaries of the country are getting weaker due to the Qadiani element.'* Expressing concern, they said, *'the Qadiani element is behind the ongoing political terrorism.'* They called for immediate action against Ahmadis to protect the country. Similarly, Daily Ausaf<sup>4</sup>, quoted Safdar Nadeem, secretary information of Jamiat Ulema Islam Okara, who claimed that *'Niazi's (Imran Khan) trainee has revealed the mission*

1. Nawae Waqt, Lahore Jul 16, 2023

2. Roznama Ausaf, Lahore Jun 18, 2023

3. Roznama Mashriq, Lahore May 9, 2023

4. Roznama Ausaf, Lahore May 22, 2023

of Jews and Mirzais ...' Daily Nawae Waqt<sup>1</sup>, quoted Zahid Al-Rashidi of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F), 'There is no option left but to declare all organisations and offices of the Qadianis as illegal.'

Other demands, such as dismissing Ahmadis from their jobs and boycotting them, have also been widely published in newspapers like Daily Pakistan<sup>2</sup>, quoted the participants of Khatme Nabuwat Rally in Faisalabad, 'Qadianis must be dismissed from all key posts.' Similarly Muhammad Khan Lagari, the general secretary of Muttahida Ulema Council, emphasized, 'Peace cannot be established in the country unless Qadianis are removed from all civil and important posts.' This was published in Daily Ausaf<sup>3</sup>. Daily Mashriq<sup>4</sup>, printed a headline, 'Any contact with Qadianis is strictly forbidden (haram).'

Furthermore, branding Ahmadis as anti-state and implicating them in sensitive national matters is another tactic used to target the community, as highlighted in various publications. For instance, daily Mashriq<sup>5</sup> published headlines that 'Kashmir dispute was created by Qadianis' and urged immediate action against 'Qadiani terrorism in Chenab Nagar.' Daily Nawae Waqt<sup>6</sup> warned of potential dangerous situations if 'centres of Qadiani extremism and terrorism' in Chenab Nagar are not eradicated. Daily Ausaf<sup>7</sup>, quoted Ilyas Chinioti stating that, 'Qadianis are trying to lead Pakistan to civil war.' Daily Ausaf<sup>8</sup> further published, 'Thousands of Ahmadis are fighting alongside the Israeli army against the oppressed Palestinians.'

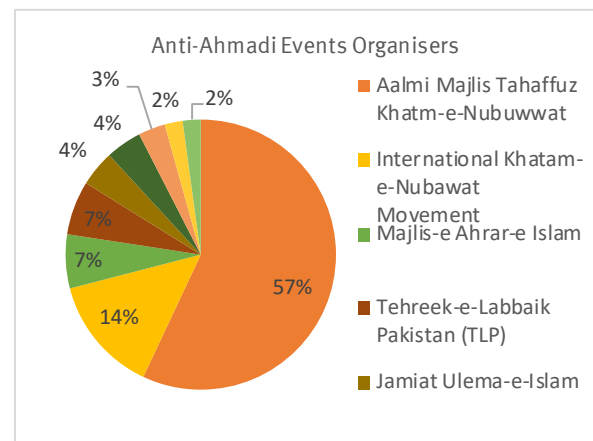
Despite the ongoing challenges faced by Ahmadis in Pakistan, religious clerics exacerbate the situation by advocating for harsh measures, including demanding FIRs against those who use Islamic symbols<sup>9</sup>.

Bigotry against Ahmadis extends beyond print

media and seeps into news programs and talk shows. During the holy month of Ramazan, a popular show on Bol TV, invited Ulema to discuss 'Safeguarding the Honor of Prophethood.' Hosted by Faisal Qureshi, a renowned entertainer, the Ulema openly advocated for the execution of blasphemy offenders, inciting violence and bloodshed in the name of religion.

Similarly, GNN<sup>10</sup> News TV aired a media talk featuring Chaudhry Pervez Elahi, who attributed his problems and misfortunes to the Ahmadi lobby, without taking the initiative to consult the Ahmadiyya community for their point of view.

Furthermore, hundreds of rallies and conventions are organized against Ahmadis every year. According to reports in several newspapers in central Punjab, 97 rallies were held against Ahmadis in major cities such as Karachi, Lahore, Sargodha, Faisalabad, Peshawar, and even in the city of Rabwah. Additionally, 12 major anti-Ahmadi processions took place without restrictions and attracted media coverage by major newspapers. Though it's impossible to document every event, the actual number is much higher. Primarily organized by the Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat and International Khatme Nabuwat Movement, they perpetuate hostility and intolerance towards Ahmadis.



1. Roznama Nawae Waqt, Lahore Aug 4, 2023  
 2. Roznama Pakistan, Lahore Sep 4, 2023  
 3. Roznama Ausaf, Lahore Jun 10, 2023  
 4. Roznama Mashriq, Lahore Apr 16, 2023  
 5. Roznama Mashriq, Lahore Feb 6, 2023  
 6. Roznama Nawae Waqt, Lahore Jan 10, 2023  
 7. Roznama Ausaf, Lahore Oct 7, 2023  
 8. Roznama Ausaf, Lahore Oct 17, 2023  
 9. Roznama Mashriq, Lahore Jun 15, 2023  
 10. Video 2:32 seconds <https://youtu.be/akxxXUJmOc2si=MpfCvCRlQ-NQAla>



Regrettably, prejudice against Ahmadis has transitioned from traditional media to social media platforms. In 2023, X forum witnessed a surge in trends advocating for the exclusion of Ahmadis from society, branding them as traitors. Trends such as #InfiniteCursesOnQadianis, #Qadiani, #QadianiRobbersOfKhatmeNabuwat, #Qadiani-Infidel, #QadianistheworstApostates, and #QadianismIsaMischief garnered thousands of spiteful tweets. These trends frequently surfaced on both Twitter and Facebook, consistently ranking among the top trends.

This survey provides only a glimpse into the prevalence of derogatory remarks, suggesting that the actual number may be higher. There is a glaring lack of accountability for individuals who disseminate such hateful messages, often resulting in violence

against Ahmadis.

Amidst the deluge of anti-Ahmadi news, there has been a slight uptick in voices advocating for Ahmadiyya rights. English newspapers featured 101 news articles on the Ahmadiyya issue, alongside 310 online publications. However, Urdu newspapers covered only 4 items, while Urdu online platforms published 67.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) and the National Commission for Human Rights have addressed the Ahmadiyya issue, along with a handful of other activists. Nevertheless, the scarcity of individuals championing minority rights in a nation of 220 million people is alarming. The prevailing trend among the majority perpetuates intolerance and discrimination against the Ahmadiyya community.

## HATRED—SANS LIMITE

**Sanghar, Sindh:** A few mulla, accompanied by some bigots, decided to move against an Ahmadiyya mosque located on a personal farm of an Ahmadi elder, Dr. Azhar. This story is mentioned in chapter 4 of this report; here we mention only two of the hate-filled speeches of their leaders in Sang-

har to show the extent of their aggression and the long leash they avail from the authorities. A mulla is seen in a video addressing his accomplices in the following words (English translation of the Urdu original):

*“Azhar and Mazhar are two brothers from Chak 24, Sanghar. They are sort of filthy (pleed) humans. Whoever is called nasty and filthy, is a Qadiani. Dr. Azhar has established this mosque-like worship place. Remember! Do not let such a person be with you and cut off relations with those with whom he sits, even if he is rich or poor, has money or even he is a feudal lord, or anyone else. Remember! Whenever you sit with a blacksmith, the sparks would reach your clothes when he ignites a fire. Boycott those whom a Qadiani befriends! If a Qadiani comes to a shop to buy groceries, turn him away. If the steps of this filthy person enter a shop, the shop will also become filthy—he is such a despicable person. In the end, I would like to raise a slogan:*

### ***The one and only identity of Satan—Qadiani, Qadiani***

*“The authorities should immediately demolish their mosque-like worship place. Otherwise, the enthusiasts of the Prophet would take law in their own hands—we cannot control anyone’s sentiments—whenever there would be a need, these hands would InshAllah reach their (Qadianis’) necks.”*

Another mulla considered the abuses and threats, mentioned above, were not strong enough; he decided to do better (or, worse!). After reciting *Bismillah* and a few pious phrases, this mulla proceeded:

*Allah Almighty said in the Holy Quran.... O Beloved (Prophet)! Your enemy will not have any offspring.... A Qadiani is the worst enemy of the Holy Prophet. If Dr. Azhar thinks that he will leave behind his spiritual*

*offspring, we would like to tell him, "O Dog, doomed to stay in hell!" We would also like to tell the authorities; we would like to tell you as well. Unfortunately, we do not know for how long this filthy plant was here, spreading filth, while our colleagues were asleep....*

*I am Shahid Raza Sikandari, the Ameer of Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan. I am a resident of Sanghar. I would like to convey this to those who have this matter in their hands. Do not consider us just a few people. We started this in Sanghar, and we have reached here today. That day is not far when these hands would reach the necks of Qadianis and even the necks of the friends of Qadianis. We know those who are friends with Qadianis. We also know those who give them protocol in villages. We also know with whom Azhar Qadiani sits in their lounges. We are also aware of the so-called Muslims whom Azhar Qadiani visits in dark hours.*

***Curse be upon Azhar Qadiani. Azhar Qadiani should be immediately arrested! (slogans)***

*If the political parties want to save their reputation, he should be arrested and his building should be demolished as soon as possible.*

It is very relevant to mention that the mulla, by openly indulging in such hateful speech, and threatening violence, violated the law of the land, PPC 153-A reproduced below:

**“Promoting enmity between different groups, etc. Whoever:**

- a. by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representations, or otherwise, promotes or incites, or attempts to promote or incite on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste or community or any other grounds whatsoever disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities; or
- b. commits, or incites any other person to commit, any act which is prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony between different religious, racial, language, or regional groups or castes or communities or any groups of person identifiable as such on any ground whatsoever and which disturbs or is likely to disturb public tranquillity; or
- c. organizes, or incites any other person to organize, any exercise, movement, drill or other similar activity intending that the participants in any such activity shall use or be trained to use criminal force or violence or knowing it to be likely that the participants in any such activity will use or be trained to use criminal force or violence, or participates, or incites any other person to participate, in any such activity intending to use or be trained to use criminal force or violence or knowing it to be likely that the participants in any such activity will use or be trained to use criminal force or violence, against any religious, racial, language or regional group or caste or community or any group or person identifiable as such on any ground whatsoever and any such activity for any reason whatsoever causes or is likely to cause fear or alarm or a feeling of insecurity amongst members of such religious, racial, language or regional group or caste or community shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine.”

We are not aware of any action taken by the authorities against these mulla, however, we know that they registered a case against the victims of the mulla’ rhetoric and sealed the Ahmadiyya mosque to calm them down.

Relevant is the news that Pakistan introduced on July 12 a Resolution in the UN HR Council, on behalf

of the OIC, on the issue of desecration of the Holy Quran; it required the states to review their laws and plug gaps that may “impede the prevention and prosecution of acts and advocacy of religious hatred”. The Resolution also urged states to adopt laws to “address, prevent and prosecute acts of religious hatred that constitute incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence.” Pakistan should

put its house in order before someone points out numerous stories like this one in Sanghar.

## ANAS RIZVI INCITES PUBLIC AGAINST AHMADIS WITH FICTITIOUS, EVEN RIDICULOUS HISTORY



In a statement, available in video, TLP's leading mulla, Anas Rizvi, son of the known Khadim Rizvi told a large gathering that, *"The Companions of the Holy Prophet killed 36000 Mirzais (a derogatory term for Ahmadis) under the leadership of Caliph Abu Bakr Siddique in the battle of Yamamah"*.

Ahmadiyya community came into being in year 1889 whereas the Battle of Yamamah happened in 632 AD—twelve centuries earlier.

This mulla attempted to kill two birds with one stone, having no regards to the truth and the logic. Rizvi is leading a political party whose membership is based essentially on religious and sectarian identity. It is a pity this religious leader shows little concern for facts and figures for political gain.

## ANTI-AHMADI CONFERENCE IN RABWAH

**Rabwah; September 7, 2023:** Commemorating the passage of 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan in 1974, through which Ahmadis were declared not-Muslim, mulla hold rallies and conferences every year on September 7. This amendment opened the gates of persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Like previous years, mulla gathered in Rabwah to commemorate this historic event. The 36th Khatme Nabuwat Conference was organized in Mulla Shabbir Ahmad Usmani's Madrassah situated in Muslim Colony, a neighborhood of Rabwah on its



east ridge. The first session started at 11:50 pm and ended at 12:55; around 70-80 people attended the session. The next session started at 2:10 pm and continued till 5:25 pm in the evening. Around 200 people attended this session. Around 600 people attended the third and the last session, which started at 9:15 pm and concluded around 3:00 pm at night.

### Following mulla delivered speeches at the event:

Maulvi Muhammad Ameen Qasimi of Lahore; Qari Azam Hussain of Lahore; Maulvi Abdul Rauf of Mecca; Maulvi Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi Chairman Ulema Council Pakistan; Maulvi Ahmad Ali Siraj of Saudi Arabia; Maulvi Zakir ur Rahman Nazim Jami-at Ahle Hadith Pakistan; Maulvi Muhammad Ishfaq Chishti of Tehreek e Minhaaj Pakistan; Maulvi Zahid Mahmood Qasmi Chairman Ulema Council of Faisalabad; Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti; Advocate Shehbaz Ahmad Gujjar of Jhang; Syed Kafeel Shah Bukhari Markazi Ameer of Majlis-e Ahrar-e Islam Multan.

The gist of their rhetoric was:

*Qadianis are infidels, deniers of the End of Prophethood and are outside the circle of Islam. Stay away from Qadianis and implement complete social boycott of them. September 7 is a historic day when the National Assembly of Pakistan unanimously declared Qadianis as non-Muslims. We are thankful to the government of that time as they gave a historic verdict as true Muslims. Religious scholars and Islamic nations are silent. We pay tribute to IG Punjab who restored the police check post in Chenab Nagar, otherwise Qadianis would have usurped the check post and the adjacent mosque. We thank Chief Minister of Punjab who has barred Qadianis from using Islamic symbols and offering sacrifice. American, British agencies use Qadianis to create mischief. Qadianis have no right to live in our country. We would become one hand to shatter them. Under PPC 298, no Qadiani can use Islamic symbols.*

*There is an unrest among the supporters of Qadianis for not letting them offer sacrifice or construct worship places. When Qadianis build minarets, the police destroys these after writ petition. Why the police do not take notice earlier. Under the garb of Islam, Qadianis use the pillars of Islam and its symbols; that is why they are more dangerous than other infidels, etc.*



## SECTARIAN, HATE-PROMOTING, OFFENSIVE CONFERENCE IN CHENAB NAGAR

**Rabwah, 26, 27 October 2023:** Aalmi Majlis Tahafuz Khatm-e-Nabuwat (AMTKN) held a two-day conference here, on the theme of End of Prophethood (KN) in Muslim Colony on the outskirts of this Ahmadiyya central town in Pakistan. It has become

a major annual event, although there is no reason that it should be held in a town where 95% of the population is Ahmadi. For detailed story, please see Chapter 1F.



## A FUTILE REQUEST TO AUTHORITIES

Every year on 12 Rabi-ul-Awwal, anti-Ahmadiyya activists from other cities assemble in rallies and processions and unabashedly roam about in Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya Centre in Pakistan with almost 95% of population being Ahmadi. Rather than talking of traits of Holy Prophet PBUH on this auspicious occasion, the mulla openly indulge in hate speech against Ahmadis and leave no stone unturned in inciting the audience against the residents of the city. This practice to disparage the community and vilify its beliefs in its own town, promotes hatred and imperils the lives and proper-

ty of the Ahmadi residents. People remain in their homes all day and the life comes to halt, as all the schools, markets, central offices etc. remain closed to avoid any encounter with these hate-provoking religious extremists. The Ahmadiyya central offices frequently notify the authorities to stop these provocative and extremist activities, which might disturb the peace of the town, it amounts to nothing.

This year, Ahmadis again requested the authorities to take legal action to ensure the law and order in the city by stopping these extremists. The English translation of the letter is reproduced below:

**Title: Request for appropriate action on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal regarding gatherings and processions at Rabwah/Chenab Nagar, District Chiniot**

It is stated with due respect that blessed programs have been announced across Pakistan on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal on September 29, 2023 to celebrate the blessed birth of the holy prophet Muhammad PBUH.

Programs are organized all over Pakistan on this auspicious occasion, including gatherings and processions, by religious organizations. Processions are held in Rabwah as in other cities across the country. On this occasion, the seerat (way of life) of the Holy Prophet PBUH should be discussed by the speakers, but some of them make baseless allegations against Jamaat Ahmadiyya and severely badmouth Jamaat, and the participants of the procession are incited to make extreme moves against Jamaat Ahmadiyya. In its response, by the grace of Allah, Ahmadis have never demonstrated any objectionable reaction. This practice has gone on for many years which results in extremist activities against Jamaat Ahmadiyya.

According to the traditions of the past, every year on 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal, three large processions are taken out in Rabwah which pass through different parts of the city chanting anti-Ahmadi slogans and making provocative speeches, and this activity continues throughout the day. Especially, a large procession of Majlis Ahrar (Deoband) of Kot Wasawa passes through the main avenues of Rabwah and reaches the Bus Stop. Meanwhile, provocative speeches and anti-Ahmadi slogans echo through the city.

Current national situation, against the teachings of Islam, cannot allow any increase in religious extremism, which can exacerbate the critical situation of the country. While according to the Constitution of Pakistan, it is the responsibility of the State to ensure the protection of life and property of every citizen, irrespective of his religion and ethnicity,

You are requested to take necessary legal action and precautionary measures to stop the anti-Ahmadiyya extremist activities, on the auspicious occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal. It seems appropriate that a full official recording of these gatherings and processions should be made so that the real picture is available. It is hoped that you will take action and pay special attention to this sensitive issue in order to meet the legal requirements. Best wishes,

On September 29, the mulla once again gathered in Rabwah and celebrated 12 Rabbi ul Awwal, while openly inciting the crowd against the Ahmadi cit-

izens of the town. The request to the authorities once again remained futile.

## ANTI-AHMADIYYA CONFERENCE IN RABWAH

**Muslim Colony, Rabwah; November 11, 2023:** Qari Shabbir Usmani presided over another Annual Khatme Nabuwwat Conference here. The proceedings started at 12:30 and concluded at 15:30. Approximately 175 men attended the conference. Maulvi Hanif Mughal of Chiniot, Maulvi Muhammad Yousuf Sheikhpuri, Maulvi Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti, Qari Umair Arshad Khateeb Masjid Bukhari, Qari Muhammad Mughaira of Madrassa Ahrar-e-Islam and Qari Shabbir Usmani were among those who delivered speeches at this event and openly disparaged and insulted the Ahmadiyya Community and its holy founder. A gist of their rhetoric is as

follows:

Qadianis are apostates, idolaters, and banished from the compass of Islam. Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian misled innocent Muslims and tried to disunite them, but the Ulema confronted Qadianis and forced them to flee abroad. They also got their remaining community members declared non-Muslims in Pakistan, and they live now as a minority here. With the help of the European Union, America, etc., Qadianis try to pressure every regime in Pakistan to repeal this law against them but no government can dare to do that.



## HATE CAMPAIGN AGAINST AHMADIS IN KASUR

**Kasur; September 2023:** Anti-Ahmadiyya campaign has been carrying on here in an organized manner for a long time and there has been a significant increase in these activities for some time now. Apart from the hate campaign on social media, threats, registration of police cases and raising anti-Ahmadiyya slogans and writing inflammatory wall-chalkings at various places incite extreme measures against Ahmadis.

A case has been registered against unknown persons in Phul Nagar police station, District Kasur district, under FIR No. 1023 dated 06 September 2023, under The Punjab Prohibition of Expressing matters on Walls Act 153-A 2015-2 based on the anti-Ahmadiyya graffiti in Gujjarawali Jhalaar, District Kasur, written on the walls: ***“Qadiani are infidels, Qadiani first enter Islam and then enter the shop”*** and other anti-Ahmadiyya writings. After the registration of case, no one in this context has been

arrested yet.

Anti-Ahmadiyya activities have further increased after this case. An inflammatory campaign is being conducted on social media against the concerned police officials as to why they have registered this case. Apart from this, a resolution condemning the registration of the said case has been passed by

the Bar Association of Kot Radha Kishan, District Kasur, in which the said FIR has been demanded to be quashed. The case has been described as a heinous conspiracy against Muslims. ***“Qadianis were infidels and are infidels, so action should be taken against the pro-Qadiani conspirators,”*** the resolution demanded.

## AUDACIOUS ULTIMATUM TO THE STATE; TLP DEMANDS DEMOLITION OF MINARETS OF AN AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

**Sangla Hill, District Nankana; 14 July 2023:** TLP (Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan) arranged a protest rally here recently against the sacrilege of the Holy Quran in Sweden. Therein they delivered anti-Ahmadi speeches too. The next day, an announcement circulated on social media that “Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan PP 131 gives an ultimatum to the authorities to destroy the minarets of the Qadiani worship place by 15th of Muharram, situated on Faisalabad Road, we would otherwise announce our next plan of action” The announcement was made by Qari Tasawwar Hussain, Ameer Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan PP 131.

The SHO of the City Police Station sent for the Ahmadi delegation on July 18 and told them that mulla had come to the police station and demanded the demolition of the minarets. He told the president of the local Ahmadiyya community to sign an affidavit that in adherence to the Constitution of Pakistan, Ahmadis would not construct their worship place resembling a mosque, and if there were any constructed minaret, they would cover it. The SHO gave 4-5 days to complete the task. Under stress and pressure, the president complied with this unlawful order. Ahmadis covered the minarets with a fiber shed so that they could not be seen from the outside.

## TLP’S WRIT

**Okara; July 14, 2023:** Tehreek-e-Labbaiq activists took out a motorcycle rally here. More than 100 men participated in it. At the end of the rally, they assembled at the Press Club where the leaders made provocative speeches. The Amir of the District TLP verbally attacked the administration for not taking action against Ahmadis on the issue of Qurbani. He asserted that Ahmadis would not be allowed to offer Friday Prayer. *“If they surely do not desist, we’ll pull them out,”* he said. He also demanded that Ahmadiyya Amir remove the word ‘Muhammad’ from his name, and stop visiting the courts’ premises (as an advocate). He elaborated that the name Muham-

mad would be found only in their names, while Ahmadis being unclean (pleed) could not use this pious (pak) name. *“We had announced that Ahmadis would not undertake Qurbani, but they did. In the future, if they practiced any Islamic rites, we shall not complain against them; the TLP itself would take action against them,”* he asserted. He indicated with his rod that the TLP would use the rod to make Ahmadis comply.

Let us make it clear, if it is not clear yet, that the TLP is using the Ahmadiyya issue to challenge the writ of the state, and if the authorities yield to their

threats, the government will soon find TLP's grip on its neck.

Also relevant is the statement made after the Bajaur explosion by an Islamist: *All the people, Ulama of all denominations, and leaders condemn the Bajaur attack (in which more than 50 participants*

*of JUI were killed)*. In the same vein, Maulvi Fazl ur Rahman concluded: The Bajaur tragedy has worn out the entire Ummah; we are fighting the battle to save the Ummah and Pakistan.

National security apparatus would do well to take notice of TLP as it would not take long to metamorphose into a TTP, at the time of their choosing.

## ANTI-AHMADIYYA RALLY IN OKARA

**F Block, Okara; September 2023:** Last year, opponents filed an application against the minarets and niche of Ahmadiyya place of worship. Ahmadis covered the view by raising the boundary wall.

Now, the opponents again started their campaign on social media against the Ahmadiyya worship place and threatened with procession for destroy-

ing the minaret and niche on September 27, 2023.

Opponents took out their rally comprising around 2500 people. The police cordoned off the roads leading to the Ahmadiyya place of worship. The participants protested against the police on this move. The matter seems to have cooled down for the time being.



## ANTI-AHMADIYYA PROCESSION IN OKARA

**Okara; October 2023:** The opponents filed a petition last year against the local Ahmadiyya mosque, demanding the removal of minarets and the niche. After some negotiations, the outer wall was raised to cover the structures. After this, the matter was apparently resolved. A video message was shared on social media by the notorious Tehreek Labaik, in which they threatened to take out a procession in the city on 10 September 27, 2023. They declared their intentions to demolish the niche and minarets. Ahmadis contacted police seniors.

The opponents took out a procession on the given date, with 2000-2500 participants. The police provided a heavy contingent to direct the procession. The clerics in the procession severely criticized the police, the administration, and said that if the police touched any of their workers, there would be violent response. They accused the administration of supporting the Qadianis.

The police blocked all the roads leading to the Ahmadiyya mosque. As a result, the procession participants could not reach the mosque.



## HATE CAMPAIGN IN KHUSHAB

**Joharabad, District Khushab; December 2023:** Malik Adnan Qadri filed a petition with DC Khushab against Mr. Tariq Virk Ahmadi, saying that he arranges Friday prayer in his house, while Qadianis are not allowed to do so under PPC 298-C (sic); therefore, a case should be registered against the accused and others, and legal action should be taken.

The same applicant Adnan Qadri made a statement on the occasion of the inauguration of a mosque that their political leaders who were pres-

ent there and others should answer whether the Qadiani Friday gatherings in every city should be banned. At this the participants raised their hands. He demanded either his expulsion from the town or the cessation of Qadiani Friday gatherings; otherwise, they threatened to take matters into their own hands. He further stated, "If any disturbance arises in the town or any harm befalls Mirzais thereafter, we shall not be held responsible." In this regard, a local Ahmadiyya delegation met the DPO, who understood the matter.

## ANTI-AHMADIYYA CONFERENCE IN DISTRICT FAISALABAD

**Chak No. 88 JB, Hasyana, District Faisalabad; January 29, 2023:** TLP organized here a Hazrat Abu Bakr conference. Irfan Mehmood Burq, a hostile mulla, also spoke in the conference. The speakers opted profanity against Ahmadiyya community instead of the main topic. They agitated the audience on loud-

speaker against Ahmadis and told the crowd that saying Salaam to them is forbidden. Ahmadis are deniers of End of Prophethood and they could not call their mosque as Masjid, etc. "You are the guardians of End of Prophethood — protect this dogma even at the cost of your lives", they exhorted.



## ANTI-AHMADIYYA CONFERENCE IN KOTLI

**Kotli, AJK; November 3, 2023:** An anti-Ahmadiyya meeting was held in Milad Chowk, Old Bazaar, Kotli under the management of Tehreek-e-Labaik and Khatm-e-Nabuwat org. Provocative speeches were made against Ahmadis. The speakers said that the filthy, impure infidels and the pure believers cannot be equal because they (Qadianis) have the filth of disbelief, and Allah has given Muslims the sweetness of religion. They do all the work based on mon-

ey, and they have also bought our administration with money. The law of our country says that Mirzais cannot build minarets like our mosques (sic), but our administration does not believe that, because there is a hidden hand behind them.

This meeting took place near the house of Mr. Mubarak Ahmad and Mr. Kashif, Ahmadis against whom a police case goes on. Before this, there had never been such a gathering here.



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## MISCELLANEOUS; REPORTS FROM ALL OVER

*Reports that do not fall under a specific category and are not included in another chapter are mentioned here. This chapter is sub-divided in five sections, namely: a. Reports from cities; b. Reports from towns and villages; c. The media; d. Disturbing threats; and e. Diverse*



*Promoting enmity between different groups, etc.*

*Whoever: ...*

- a. by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representations or otherwise, promotes or incites, or attempts to promote or incite, on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste or community or any other grounds whatsoever, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities: or*
- b. commits, or incites any other person to commit, any act which is prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities or any groups of persons identifiable as such on any ground whatsoever, and which disturbs or is likely to disturb public tranquillity; or*
- c. ... shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine.*

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PAKISTAN PENAL CODE 153-A

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- a. The principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice, as enunciated by Islam, shall be fully observed.*

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PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN

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## A. REPORTS FROM CITIES

### A MINISTERIAL PRESSER

**Islamabad:** A press conference was held on January 5, 2023 by Rana Sanaullah the Interior Minister, Mufti Abdul Shakoor the Religious Affairs Minister and Mr. Hanif Abbasi a PML (N) leader, wherein the leading issue was publication of the Holy Quran. This had a background.

Mr. Hassan Muawiyah of Khatme Nabuwwat Lawyers Forum had placed a writ in Lahore High Court (LHC) that the 17-point verdict of Justice Shujaat Ali Khan regarding the Holy Quran is not being implemented and Jamaat Ahmadiyya continues to publish the Holy Quran (Not true: editor). This case is being heard by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan; he required the presence of the principal secretaries of the prime minister and the chief minister. Dr. Tauqir the Principal Secretary to the PM told the court that the PM had been briefed of the court verdict and he had decided to discuss it in a cabinet meeting. “A Secretaries Committee had been formed on this issue, we’ll submit the action plan in the court, the PM has told us to convey to the court that to do all this is our duty,” he said.

In the presser the Interior Minister said that it has been decided that the Ministry of Religious Affairs, after preparing a standard version of the Holy Quran in original and its translation will present it to provincial Quran Boards. This version will be unanimous, authentic and better in all respects. This will then be forwarded to all districts and Tehsils. The provincial governments and the federal ministry of religious affairs will ensure that this standard version would be beyond doubt and controversy. If anyone obstructs this, he will face disciplinary action.

The minister added that some elements, persisting in their error, indulge in wrong translation of the Holy Quran. Some of them are misguided. The



Cyber Crime Wing of FIA and PTA have been directed to work as coordinated by the federal Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Mufti Abdul Shakoor was more forthright in pointing the finger at Ahmadis. He said that those who indulge in this insolence (gustakhi) deserve to be punished. It is our duty to implement this court order. We warn those who act irresponsibly on social media to desist from their practice. Their conduct is extremely disgusting (ghanaone) and we warn those who were guilty of this lapse. These people who indulged in this, and the court verdict went against them, those in Chenab Nagar who committed this excess, Qadianis or anyone else, those held responsible by the court, must be punished by the governments. We request provincial governments to take this seriously, the Mufti elaborated.

Rana Sanaullah added that translation and commentary are different (categories), unanimously agreed (muttafiqah) translations are available (maujud hein). Mufti Shakoor, in reply to a query replied that the (standard) translation has been done already, all agree with it. At this, Rana Sanaullah intervened and said that it is not appropriate to discuss this issue in the open, great scholars of different schools got together and agreed upon one translation, this is available — it will be sent to Quran Boards of all provinces; they will go through

it and endorse it. Once endorsed, there will be no objection to it. Thus unanimous translation will be distributed all over. At one location, a police case has been registered for incorrect translation (At Rabwah: editor) and they have been apprehended, so that no such activity is undertaken in future, and if done it would be overturned completely.

Other issues of political nature were discussed in the presser subsequently.

**Our footnote:** More than a century ago, a renowned non-Ahmadi scholar and journalist Muhammad Aslam visited Qadian, the Ahmadiyya headquarters town in India, and described his impression in writing as follows (extract): *“The true love for the Holy Quran that I noted in this Jamaat (Ahmadiyya), I’ve not seen anywhere else. I found the Quran all over the Ahmadi Qadian (Quran hee Quran nazar aya).”*<sup>1</sup>

## MR. PARVEZ ELAHI CM PUNJAB – IN THE NEWS

**Lahore; January 2, 2023:** The daily Dunya published the following news, which is worthy of placing on record. We produce below its translation:

**Services of Pervez Elahi for Faith shall be remembered for life: Chohan Rawalpindi** (News reporter): *Mr. Fayaz ul Hasan Chohan, the spokesperson for the chief minister of Punjab, said that the services of the CM Mr. Parvez Elahi for Faith (Deen) will be remembered for lifetime (ta hayaat). Parvez Elahi played a great and lofty role on issues of End of*

*Prophethood (Khatme Nabuwwat) and Honour of Prophethood (Namus Risalat). He said that the establishment of Khatam an Nabiyyen University for the first time in history is a great achievement for 220 million Pakistanis and the entire Muslim Ummah. One billion rupees have been set aside for the Khatam an Nabiyyen University.*



## AHMADIS’ VOTING RIGHTS AND THE FORTHCOMING PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

**HRW; December 8, 2023:** Since discriminatory provisions in Pakistan’s electoral law effectively exclude Ahmadis from the elections, the prestigious HRW decided to issue a well-worded situation re-

port on this issue to manifestly inform all concerned with a reality check. We produce the HRW text in the Annex XIII.

## EXPULSION OF AHMADIS FROM PAKISTAN DEMANDED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**December 2023:** One finds an anti-Ahmadiyya video that has gone viral these days on social media (WhatsApp). The sponsors assembled a group of five teenage boys and provided them with text in Urdu to demand the expulsion of Ahmadis from the country. Although the language of this text is so poor and confused that it betrays the idiocy of

the writer, however, the demand is clear, but so monstrous, unusual, and evil that it seems to have caught the fancy of the bigot brigade and quickly turned this message viral. But, first the message (translated):

*If the government of Pakistan considers our Af-*

1. The Weekly Badr; March 13, 1913

*ghan brothers who have lived here for three, or four decades and recite the same Kalima (creed) as unsuitable to stay here and would like them to return to their own country, that would be better for the country. However, we demand from the government, that while those who recite the same Kalima, are sent back to their country (how come) Qadianis who have built their city of Rabwah and have their heaven and hell (there), when will they be deported, when will they be expelled from Pakistan. They are enemies of our faith; they also blaspheme our Prophet – they are surely enemies of Islamism (Musalmaniat). Iqbal, Allah bless him, called Qadianis ‘mini-Israel’.... We demand their expulsion from here. Afghans are gone...well, that was a decision—good; but we demand that Qadianis be expelled from here. Therein lies the future of our*

*country; the same day Pak economy will improve, inshallah; blasphemy will also come to an end in Pakistan at the same time. Qadianis have provided refuge in their safe houses to Israeli Jews. Could there be anything more (outrageous) than this? We plead with you to kick the Qadianis out as early as possible. They should be banished. They spread no filth in Europe; they do that only in Pakistan. We shall not allow that a minority or who claims to be Muslim, but produces its own separate heaven and hell... Therein lies the service to the Faith and the future of Pakistan.*

In any sensible society, such a message would not go far, but unfortunately, the Mulla has raised here a rich crop of bigots, so the message earned the prestige of becoming viral.

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## B. REPORTS FROM TOWNS AND VILLAGES

### MOUNTING REPRESSION IN DISTRICT KASUR

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**Bhulair, District Kasur; January 2023:** Last few years have seen a spike in violent attacks against Ahmadis in Punjab, and manifold increase in registration of police cases. The spike has been fuelled by the rise of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) in 2015, and the efforts of a single extremist mulla from Lahore, Hassan Muawiyah.

The police registered a case against 11 Ahmadis of Bhulair, pretexting a fight. Local cleric Abdul Rauf was instrumental in this.

Locals invited an outsider fanatic who gave fatwas of disbelief and murder against Ahmadis. He

undertook somewhat the same against Shias and Ahl-i-Hadith. Ahmadis informed the police at Police Station Phool Nagar fearing the after-effects of the speech. The other two communities complained likewise.

Since 2015, twenty-seven Ahmadis have been killed in Pakistan, and hundreds wounded for their faith. Hate speeches and sermons motivate bigots to indulge in violence. In recent years TLP is most active and violent against Ahmadis. They have adopted this as a matter of policy. The Punjab administration and police seem to have the political blessing to yield to the whims of these mulla.

## C. THE MEDIA

### A SANE VOICE IN WILDERNESS

**@IamAmirMahmood on September 24, 2023:** We copy below this tweet, provide its translation, and place it on record:

*Respected Ghamidi's unambiguous statement on the issue of demolition of Ahmadiyya places of worship:*

*"This is a most serious crime. It is declaration of war against Allah and Allah's messenger. Such people are guilty of fasaad (violent mischief)".*

*@OfficialDPRPP*

Please show this to your superior officials who indulge in destroying minarets of Ahmadiyya worship places.<sup>1</sup>

9:04 AM. Sep 24, 2023. 7,183 Views

**AmirMahmood**  
@IamAmirMahmood

جماعت احمدیہ کی عبادت گاہیں مسمار کرنے کے حوالے سے محترم غامدی صاحب کا واضح بیان بہ بدترین جرم ہے۔  
یہ اللہ اور اللہ کے رسول کے خلاف اعلان جنگ ہے۔  
"اس طرح کے لوگ فساد کے مجرم ہیں۔"  
@OfficialDPRPP  
برائے مہربانی اپنے افسران کو یہ سنا دیں جو احمدی عبادتگاہوں کے مینار توڑتے ہیں

Translate post



### HRCP'S CLEAR VERDICT

**September 8, 2023:** Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, moved by repeated onslaughts on Ahmadi's places of worship, issued the following

statement on X<sup>2</sup> soon after the police itself, in provincial capital, Lahore undertook a similar raid in Shahdara:



The destruction of part of an Ahmadiyya site of worship in Shahdara by the Lahore police earlier today was a brazen violation of the recent Lahore High Court judgment protecting Ahmadiyya sites of worship. It demonstrates yet again that the community is being hemmed in systematically and deliberately by law enforcement and the religious far right alike. According to the 2014 Supreme Court judgement, the police are supposed to protect the community's right to practice its faith. The provincial government must hold the perpetrators accountable, repair the damage and ensure that this does not recur.

6:53 PM · Sep 8, 2023 · 31.9K Views

1. <https://x.com/IamAmirMahmood/status/1705795291675255205>  
2. <https://x.com/HRCP87/status/1700145273614295329>

## AHMADIS – NOT HUMAN, IN PAKISTAN

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### An academic opinion

Ahmadis' persecution in Pakistan, at the hands of the state and society is so blatant and extraordinary that it is not uncommon with some foreign human rights authorities to doubt its nature and high level mentioned by Ahmadi sources. However, it is not hidden to people in Pakistan; the mulla and extreme right generally rejoice over it; an average Muslim, influenced by hostile propaganda, shows little concern over it; however, there are a few intellectuals and media persons who occasionally do voice their candid opinion on the plight of Ahmadis.

One such opinion was stated in appropriate language, although briefly, by a media anchor on a social media channel. Ms. Fauzia Yazdani is a social and public policy advisor, an HR activist; she hosts,

as anchor on YouTube — the channel Nayadaur. While introducing the issues to be discussed with guest journalists, she referred to the Minorities issue in the following words (translation): (*Then there are our brothers and sisters from minority (communities), minority Pakistanis – they are once again targeted, be they Dr. Birbal from Sindh, or (Diyal) Singh from Peshawar, (or) Kashif Masih; and prior to them, the Ahmadis – we have perhaps now forgotten to consider them human; Peter will join us on this issue....* At minute 00:03:30 on Nayadaur channel on Youtube.<sup>1</sup>

Thereafter, during the program, on its turn, when a participant mentioned Ahmadis, Fauzia intervened at minute 00:34:25, and again said: **“As for them, we do not consider them human – we have given up reckoning them to be human.”**

## “A BREACH OF FAITH”

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**Report (2021-2022) released by HRCP:** Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) released the above-titled report<sup>2</sup>. It is an excellent read on the FORB situation in Pakistan during the past year. It

has not improved this year. As for Ahmadis, it got worse with Mr. Parvez Elahi's elevation to become chief minister, Punjab.

### A few extracts on Ahmadis from the Report:

Reports of religious minorities' sites of worship being desecrated have continued, but with no response from the state when such incidents involve sites associated with the Ahmadiyya community. In Punjab, the mandatory declaration of faith for marriage certificates has further marginalised the Ahmadiyya community, while attempts to enforce a standardised national curriculum have created an exclusionary narrative that sidelines Pakistan's religious minorities....

Additionally, the Ahmadiyya community has still not been given the option of being part of the (minorities) commission unless it is willing to accept 'non-Muslim status' while representatives of Pakistan's Scheduled Castes have criticized the commission for excluding their community....

The injunction (on marriage documents) was seen as a means of creating a dangerous distinction between the already beleaguered Ahmadiyya community and wider Muslim population, leaving the former more vulnerable to discrimination and violence....

Of these (under PECA 2016), at least 16 cases were filed against members of the Ahmadiyya community.

The following case illustrates how offences under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA) 2016

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1. <https://youtu.be/3zWNHhYcXoE>

2. <https://hrqp-web.org/hrqpweb/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2023-A-breach-of-faith-freedom-of-religion-or-belief-in-2021-22.pdf>



are commonly compounded by the blasphemy laws. In August 2021, three Ahmadi men, who had been charged with blasphemy in May 2020 under S. 295-B and 298-C as well as under PECA 2016, were presented in court in Lahore, where the additional sessions judge added S. 295-C—which carries the death penalty—to the charge sheet. Subsequently, the Lahore High Court rejected their bail application. The three men had been accused of sharing links to the Quran ‘with a translation or interpretation contrary to belief of Muslims [sic]....

It is worth noting that at least seven other incidents of vandalism were reported by the Ahmadiyya community in 2021, including the desecration of graves and sites of worship, but—unlike in other cases—there was no condemnation from the state....

More than half of all online hate speech (53 percent) tends to be directed at the Ahmadiyya community, with another 11.5 percent targeting the Shia Muslim sect.

The brutality of such hate speech continued unabated: one user in a Twitter space hosted in July 2021 called for Ahmadiyya leaders to be chopped into pieces. The comment gained momentum after it was highlighted by prominent Ahmadi rights activist, Kashif Chaudhry. A month earlier, he had received WhatsApp messages urging individuals to report any Ahmadi found taking part in Eid al-Adha festivities.....

While Ahmadiyya leaders claimed their community may have been undercounted because people were reluctant to reveal their religious identity for fear of persecution.....

## MEDIA ICON’S OPINION ON AHMADIS’ PLIGHT

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**The Dawn; February 5, 2023:** The Dawn is the leading English daily in Pakistan. It was founded by Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. It has a reputation for printing reliable news and well considered opinions.

Ahmadiyya situation in Pakistan has reached a level when the Dawn had to take editorial notice of it. Its leading editorial of February 5, 2023 is readable. It is reproduced at Annex XVI.

## IN THE SHADOW OF THE BLASPHEMY LAW

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**August 11, 2023:** Voicepk.net, an HR organization comprising a number of eminent intellectuals and activities has issued a Staff Report with the above title.

It is available on the internet at the following address<sup>1</sup>.

This report refers fairly to the past of this law, the insight from 2023, its future, also its intent, content and extent. It delivers in the intended amendments to the Section 298 and how it affects Shias, as also the overbearing effect of these laws on the Ahmadiyya Community.

## BIGOTRY GROWS IN PAKISTAN

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**Thefridaytimes.com January 23, 2023:** A recent op-ed in the Friday Times<sup>2</sup> is well-written, timely and informative. It provides useful information on historic

development of blasphemy laws in Pakistan, however here we produce only selected extracts:

1. <https://voicepk.net/2023/08/in-the-shadow-of-the-blasphemy-law/#~:text=Pakistan%20Blasphemy%20law%20has%20cast%20inciting%20violence%20and%20perpetrating%20discrimination>  
2. <https://thefridaytimes.com/23-jan-2023/bigotry-against-religious-and-sectarian-minorities-is-growing-in-pakistan>

## Bigotry Against Religious and Sectarian Minorities is Growing in Pakistan

On January 18, 2023, National Assembly approved amendments in Section 298-A of the Pakistan Penal Code 1860, enhancing the punishment for 'defiling' the sacred names of wives, family and companions of the Holy Prophet PBUH to 10 years with a million rupees fine.

This is the newest slip down the slippery slope of blasphemy legislation that this country has had to suffer haplessly.

Earlier, Parvez Elahi, former chief minister of Punjab, doubled down on Khatme-Nabuwat, as the central plank of his political programme. After the government's great administrative achievement of insertion of the anti-Ahmadi clause in the nikahnama, the latest gimmick is the affixation of the Quranic verses in the committee room of the chief minister's office and the founding of the Khatam-ul-Nabiyyen University.

The changes are significant because they indicate a further downward spiral at a time when Pakistan's human rights record is already the subject of global criticism. Pakistan is one of the worst countries of the world when it comes to curbs on religious freedom and freedom of expression.

Imagine, in the 21st century, Pakistanis will remain busy litigating disputes from the 7th century Arabia between the holiest personages of Islam.

There is no occasion for blasphemy laws in the 21st century. You just cannot punish people for things like blasphemy and heresy anymore. That time has passed. Pakistan is merely trying to swim against the tide but the march of humanity cannot be stopped. Even Saudi Arabia has been forced to reform and move with times.

Unlike Saudi Arabia, Pakistan is not an oil rich country but a bankrupt poor country. The persecution of minorities, both religious and sectarian, is not going to win the country any friends in the comity of nations. It will only paint us as a priest-ridden society which privileges one faith over others and infringes on the fundamental rights of its citizens.

Other than finding it tragic, the world also sees us as a joke. In the process, we end up embarrassing Muslims everywhere. Sadly our politicians are more concerned with misusing religion than Pakistan's reputation.

## BLASPHEMY AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA

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**TV, Bol entertainment; April 7, 2023:** Human rights activists would recall that sometimes back, Mr. Aamir Liaqat, a known pseudo-mulla of 'Alim Online' notoriety hosted a program on GEO TV on 7th September to commemorate 34th anniversary of Ahmadis being given non-Muslim status in Pakistan. He invited two Pak-origin mulla, based in Makkah. The program was highly inciting, and the participants used slandering language against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya denomination. They talked of **"Blood, Jihad, and Duty to kill"**. No wonder, within the next two days, two prominent Ahmadis were murdered.

It seems that in this Land of Pure, high and low persistently fail to learn lessons from experience. They condemn terrorism but strive to promote religious extremism. The media takes no risk that could affect its viewership, hence its financial bottom line.

During the holy month of Ramazan, Bol TV known for its entertainment programs for the common man, availed the occasion to task as an entertainer, Mr. Faisal Qureshi to host a program on the subject of "Safeguarding the Honor of Prophethood". Mr. Qureshi invited a number of ulema to this event

and prompted them to air comments on their favorite theme — Blasphemy. They openly stressed that those who commit blasphemy ‘*must be killed*’ (*Wajib ul Qatal*).

The mulla who participated in this program were Hanif Qureshi, Amin Shaheedi, Fazal Subhan, Naveed Abbas, Younus Siddiqui, Muhammad Ali Shah and Mufti Abu Muhammad.

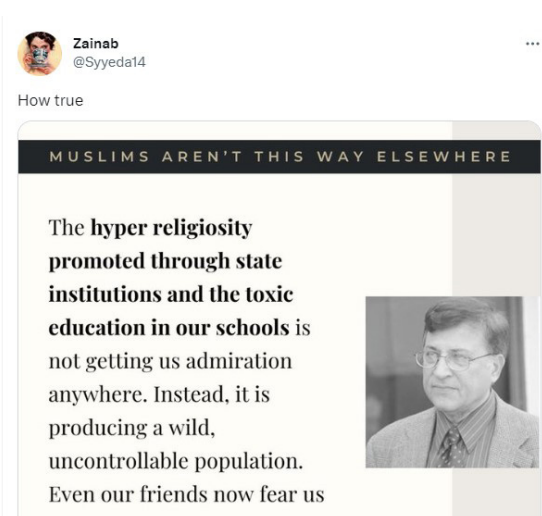
Mr. Faisal Qureshi, who like Aamir Liaquat, is more of an entertainer than a religious scholar.

Faisal Qureshi’s program is one that promotes violence and bloodshed in the religion. He must be stopped, if Pakistan prefers peace and harmony in society.

## MUSLIMS AREN’T THIS WAY ELSEWHERE

**Dawn; April 22, 2023:** The daily Dawn published an op-ed by Mr. Pervez Hoodbhoy, an eminent Pakistani physicist and writer. It is highly readable. It sums up well the consequences of a decades-long effort to ‘Islamize’ the Pakistani state and society. It is very relevant, though indirectly, to the (mal)treatment of Ahmadis in Pakistan. We do not reproduce it in this report, but provide its address for easy reference and read.<sup>1</sup>

One, Ms. Zainab, @Syyeda14 tweeted the following conclusion from this op-ed with her remark: “*How true*”



## A NOTEWORTHY PRESS REPORT

**Monday, July 24, 2023:** The prestigious daily Dawn published a report by Kalbe Ali on the recent anti-Ahmadiyya events in the country and the notice taken by the UN in far-away Geneva — although the

national authorities adopted a laissez-faire attitude to these grave developments. We produce the Dawn report<sup>2</sup> below:

### Anti-Ahmadi drive invites UN bodies’ ire

Kalbe Ali

**ISLAMABAD:** The drive against the Ahmadi community, which has become a regular feature in Punjab, is not only bringing a bad name to the country, but also inviting the ire of UN bodies.

After a campaign last month to stop Ahmadis from offering sacrifice on Eidul Azha, the latest drive launched against the community involves demolition of the minarets of their places of worship.

The drive is being spearheaded by the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP).

A poster floated by the social media wing of the TLP in Sarai Alamgir, a town near Jhelum, said: “From Shaandar Chowk to the Qadiani Centre, all minarets will be demolished.”

1. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1748962>

2. Published in Dawn, July 24th, 2023 also online at <https://www.dawn.com/news/1766457>

The drive, the poster said, will commence at 10 am on the 10th of Muharram (July 29) from the TLP's office in Sarai Alamgir.

On July 14, the TLP pressured police into demolishing minarets of an Ahmadi place of worship in Jhelum. The party's local chapter later announced that it would demolish minarets of all Ahmadi places of worship in the entire Jhelum district.

Some of these sites are more than a hundred years old.

Amir Mehmood, a spokesman for the Jamaat Ahmadiyya in Pakistan, attributed the recent upsurge in anti-Ahmadi drive to the coming elections.

"We have seen it in the past too that political parties use the religion card to woo voters by whipping up emotions," Mr Mehmood said.

In the wake of social media complaints to the Punjab government, the deputy commissioner of Jhelum, retired Captain Samiullah Farooq, has recommended gagging Saad Rizvi of TLP during Muharram and Safar. The Jhelum police have lodged two FIRs against the TLP chief for making provocative speeches.

When Dawn tried to contact TLP leaders, no office-bearer responded to repeated phone calls.

When an attempt was made to get in touch with a TLP spokesperson on the phone number given on the poster, the person who answered the call said bluntly "wrong number".

A similar campaign was launched by TLP in the run-up to Eidul Azha when it filed as many as 23 complaints with police to stop Ahmadis from sacrificing animals.

Police gave in to TLP pressure and tried to stop the community from sacrificing animals at 89 places and booked 13 individuals in six cases. Seven of them were arrested in various districts.

A report released by Jamaat Ahmadiyya said police had seized 10 animals and took possession of sacrificial meat from houses of five members of the community.

### **UN concern**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has expressed concern over the treatment of Ahmadis in Pakistan and asked the government to respond to allegations of violations of international law.

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

The letter was submitted to Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

"We are deeply concerned about this series of violent attacks against the Ahmadi minority, which we have previously addressed in several communications that despite our requests for remedial actions from authorities, the safety of the Ahmadiyya minority continues to deteriorate." the OHCHR letter said.

## **MALICIOUS AND HOSTILE PROPAGANDA**

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**YouTube; October 2023:** It is well-known that political divide in the country has become acrimonious and many parties and individuals involved now leave no stone unturned to hurt their adversaries. However, it is unfortunate and most harmful to national interest when they indulge in entirely fabri-

cated lies and slander in self-interest.

Much effort was made on social medial by one anti-COAS Adil Raja in his interview of an England-based ex-Pakistani social somebody Tariq Chaudhry. The disinformation and malice conveyed in the interview by Mr. Chaudhry is obvious in vernacular headlines shown on the YouTube. These are

translated below<sup>1</sup>:

**(General) Asim Munir is 100% Qadiani. Pakistani nuclear assets at risk.**

**The world is controlled by Jews, while Ahmadis control Pakistan. Motives of the London Plan**

**Adil Raja/Tariq Chaudhry exclusive**

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## D. DISTURBING THREATS

There were plenty of threats this year as well but their mode has changed. Threats were hurled against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, primarily in rallies, conferences and Jalsas. Most of these were not even muffled. For instance, in the conference held by IKNM in Rabwah on September 7, 2023, one of the mulla said, *inter alia*: **Qadianis have no right to live in our country.** Those who are sympathetic to the plight of Ahmadis are also targeted. For instance, the Bar Association of Kot Radha Kishan, District Kasur passed a resolution, (extract): **Qadianis were infidels, and are infidels, so action should be taken against the pro-Qadiani conspirators.** A mulla can

be seen in a video addressing a crowd in Sanghar, Sindh (English translation of the Urdu original), **“The authorities should immediately demolish their (Ahmadis’) mosque-like worship place, otherwise, the enthusiasts of the Prophet would take law in their own hands — we cannot control anyone’s sentiments — whenever there would be a need, these hands would Inshallah reach their (Qadianis’) necks.”**

This mulla openly and deliberately violated the law of the land (PPC 153-A), but the authorities did not prosecute him.

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## E. DIVERSE

### THE PLIGHT OF MINORITIES IN PAKISTAN – A PRESS REPORT

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**The daily Dawn; August 20, 2023:** The daily *Dawn* Staff Reporter in Islamabad, (extracts): published the following report<sup>2</sup>, forwarded by its

**Speakers deplore plight of minorities in Pakistan. Suddle terms bureaucracy main hurdle in implementation of SC’s verdict.**

**ISLAMABAD:** Representatives of civil society, media and minority and human rights organizations on Saturday deplored the plight of non-Muslims living in Pakistan, as Chairman One-Man Commission on Minority Rights Dr. Shoaib Suddle expressed his ‘helplessness’ in the implementation of the 2014 Supreme

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOZl-ku9l4>

2. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1771039>

Court's decision regarding the rights of the minorities.

Speaking as a chief guest at the National Advocacy Conference on Minority Rights organized by the National Commission for Justice and Peace. Dr. Suddle put the blame on bureaucracy for non-implementation of the decision announced by the then judge of the Supreme Court Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani and expressed his 'pessimism' about any change in the situation for the minorities without changing the national mindset and society's attitude.

'I don't want to be pessimistic, but it is a reality that we might not be able to come out of the (prevailing) situation, he said.

'Our bureaucracy system is the main hurdle in the SC judgement's implementation,' said Dr. Suddle complaining that the bureaucrats, particularly those sitting in the provinces, did not respond to his communications for months. Besides this, he said, these bureaucrats and those sitting at the helm of affairs did not give due importance to the minorities' rights. He categorically declared that he was not getting any cooperation from the authorities.

Almost all the speakers condemned last week's Jaranwala incident where a number of churches and houses of Christians were set on fire on blasphemy charges....

The speakers 'condemned' the state's role in the growing incidents of violence against minorities and its failure to provide protection to the marginalized segments of the society....

Dr. Suddle suggested creation of a separate ministry for the minorities by separating it from the religious affairs ministry which, according to him, had not been even able to manage the affairs of Haj and Umrah.

Renowned scholar and civil rights activist Haris Khalique suggested that instead of the Objectives Resolution, Quid-e-Azam's speech on August 11, 1947, should be included in the Constitution as preamble.

Another human rights activist Joya Jaggi called for abolition of blasphemy laws, stating that previously they had been calling for steps to stop their misuse.

## HRCP DEMANDS FACILITATION OF VOTING RIGHTS FOR AHMADIS

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**Lahore; October 2023:** The monthly Jahd e Haq, content of the discussion paper that demands extensive electoral reforms. The problems faced by Ahmadis are quoted by Ms. Jillani, the chairperson, as given below (translation):

*"She raises the importance of the issue of denial of a level playing field for Ahmadis, as they are mentioned on an exclusive list of electoral rolls. They are made to prove their identity at polling stations (thus putting their lives at risk), thus denying them the right effectively to vote. The paper recommends the abolition of a separate voter list for Ahmadis. It also criticizes the allocation of special seats for minorities, as the appointees do not effectively represent the groups."*

## YET ANOTHER AGREEMENT WITH TEHREEK LABBAIK

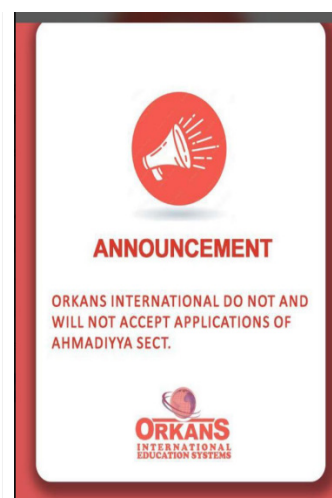
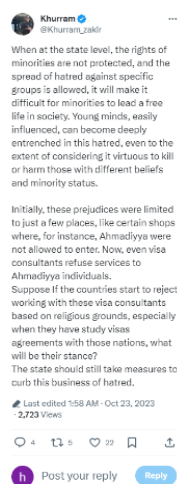
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The government signed a 12-point deal with the the TLP leadership ended the protest. For detailed protesters, primarily on the blasphemy issue, and story, please see Chapter 1E.

## A PUBLIC SECTARIAN ANNOUNCEMENT

**By ORKANS International (Education Systems); October 2023:**

We produce below an ANNOUNCEMENT by this visa company. Its message is that it does not and will not entertain applications from Ahmadis. The accompanying comment by one Khurram, @Khurram\_Zakir, in his tweet is readable and should suffice.



## CH. PARVEZ ELAHI PERSISTS IN HIS RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

**GNN, May 2, 2023:** Ch. Parvez Elahi, (formerly of PML-Q) now President of PTI, express his opposition even hate against the Ahmadiyya community. He makes no secret of his tendency to use religion to promote his policies; in fact, he manifests this approach thinking that this would improve his vote bank. His anti-Ahmadiyya statements are on record in social media, as also in our periodic reports – selectively.

Elahi’s political antics have apparently served him well, but for the last three months he has ended up in a comparative wilderness of the political jungle after losing his CM chair of the Punjab. Devoid of state power, he is fully exposed to the reactive punches of his political opponents. His close associates in the office are facing inquiries on charges of graft, corruption, hush money, and so on. Early

in May, the police raided his residence, reportedly entered inside, and searched various rooms. This upset him a great deal, and he looked ruf-



fled and vexed in a media talk aired on GNN<sup>1</sup>. One of the top ten TV channels in Pakistan. Surprisingly, he blamed the ‘Ahmadi lobby’ for his recent problems and misfortune. His statement in this regard deserves to be quoted: *“(Ahmadi lobby)... We are determined (concerning them). I, as the Speaker (of Punjab Assembly) and (then) as the Chief Minister (pushed them) to their real abode (asal jagah), and go where they have to go.”*

## FURY OF THE MOB

**A news item, editorial comment – and a little more Dasu, KPK, April 19, 2023:** A Chinese national working at the Dasu hydropower project came close to being lynched by a frenzied mob. The daily Dawn,

today wrote a lead editorial<sup>2</sup> on this alarming incident. For its great relevance to HR, FORB and terrorism in today’s Pakistan, it deserves to be placed on record.

1. Video 2:32 seconds <https://youtu.be/akv2XUJvM0C?si=MpfCvCRIO-NOjAla>  
2. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1748427>

## FURY OF THE MOB

ANOTHER chapter in our history of religious violence was written on Sunday when a Chinese national working at the Dasu hydropower project came close to being lynched by a frenzied mob.

Labourers at the site were reportedly enraged over his objections to “precious time” being lost on account of prayer breaks and accused him of committing blasphemy. They then went and incited others in nearby villages about what had taken place; a large crowd gathered and tried to storm the Chinese camp where the foreign national was present. Fortunately, the cops arrived and managed to whisk him away to the police station from where he was airlifted to Abbottabad.

On Monday, the man was charged with blasphemy by an ATC and sent on 14-day judicial remand. The only silver lining in this episode was that another horrific murder like that of the Sri Lankan national, Priyantha Kumara, was avoided. In December 2021, Mr Kumara, a factory manager in Sialkot, was set upon by a hundreds-strong mob after being accused of blasphemy. In a bestial orgy of violence, they beat him to death and set his body on fire.

Six years ago, Mashal Khan was lynched by a mob of fellow students on the same pretext. Videos of the gruesome act laid bare the ugly reality of what decades of a state-sponsored triumphalist view of religion — propagated through the pulpit and sections of the media — can do to a society. It later emerged that certain university officials were infuriated by Mashal’s courageous activism about corruption in the administration department, etc.

An allegation of blasphemy was all it took to bring this young man’s life to an end. That was all it took in 2014 for a raging mob to burn alive a Christian couple, both of them brick kiln workers, and leave their three young children orphaned. That is all it takes in today’s Pakistan to destroy lives, uproot families or entire minority communities from their homes. Even the mentally handicapped have not been spared the fury of the ‘righteous’.

Although in far too many instances, the perpetrators have been let off, in some more recent cases — notably the murders of Mashal and Kumara — severe punishments were handed down. And yet, the blood-letting in the name of faith has not stopped. Punishment has clearly not been a deterrent. Nor has the law against blasphemy prevented vigilante killings. According to a study, 84 people were extrajudicially killed on allegations of blasphemy by March 2021 and around 1,450 people accused of the crime. Turning back the tide will take a Herculean effort, one that requires the state to abjure the strategy of using religion for political ends. Recent signs are not encouraging. But unless it is done, this society will continue to devour its own.<sup>1</sup>

This editorial rightly refers to the past incidents of the murders of Mr. Kumara, Mr. Mashal Khan, and the Christian couple, the kiln workers. Somehow, Ahmadi victims fail to get a mention in the media; perhaps it is the assumed public terror, or is it kosher to slaughter Ahmadis for their alleged ‘blasphemous belief’? We hope that the society remembers the stabbing to death of Mr. Naseer Ahmad in

broad daylight at the bus stand in Rabwah on August 12, 2022, by a man who had not known him earlier. The assassin had come there armed with a dagger to simply kill an Ahmadi. Also mentionable is the case of Mr. Tahir Ahmad Naseem, a US citizen, presumed to be Ahmadi who was shot dead on July 29, 2020, in a courtroom in Peshawar in the presence of the judge. The police arrested the killer, but

1. Published in the Dawn, April 19th, 2023



the cops had no shame in making selfies with the smiling murderer. This was the year when Minister Ali Muhamad Khan (PTI) released a video statement

with comment, “*Qadianiat basically is a great mischief (fitna) against Islam*”.

## EXCELLENT DECISIONS AND INTENTIONS OF THE APEX COMMITTEE

**The daily Dunya, October 4, 2023:** The daily Dunya reported on the proceedings, decisions, and orders of the Apex Committee of the National Action Plan, held in Islamabad. It took numerous decisions on the internal security as well, which we find very rel-

evant to the situation of minorities in Pakistan; we place it on record here. The Chief of Army Staff also attended the meeting. The Apex Committee reported, observed, and decided the following, inter alia (Translation):

*“The meeting of the Apex Committee of the National Action Plan was held on Tuesday, and relevant federal ministers, provincial chief ministers, and heads of all civil and military LEAs participated. As for the released press release, the participants, took a wholesome overview of the internal security situation, to take firm measures to confront the probable challenges. Despite all difficulties, the participants declared their will to ensure the writ of the state as per the law and national constitution, as expected by the people....”*

*“The forum stressed that the use of force is only the prerogative of the state, and no individual or group shall be permitted to enforce their will. There is no place whatsoever in the country for a political armed group or organization, and all involved in such activities shall be severely dealt with. It was highlighted that Islam is a religion of peace and our state will not allow anyone to make political mileage through a self-suiting version of faith. Rights of minorities and freedom of faith or religion are enshrined in Islam and Pakistan. The Constitution and the state will ensure their implementation. The Committee stressed that the propaganda and disinformation drives will be firmly resisted through the cyber crimes law. The participants were told that technical ways shall be adopted to promote the connaissance of laws and their implementation. These will be done to uphold the laws, and for the convenience of the public. The forum finally expressed its resolve to uphold the principles of faith, unity, and discipline and continue untiring efforts for the country’s progress....”*

Let’s wait for the actions to follow the words.

## MASHAL KHAN REMEMBERED

**April 13, 2023:** Mashal Khan was a student at the Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, KPK, in Pakistan. He was killed by an angry mob in the premises of the university on 13 April 2017 over false allegations of blasphemy. Mashal Khan was dragged out of his university accommodation by a crowd of hundreds of his fellow students, from the ultra-right wing. He was badly beaten before being shot and his body mutilated. Mashal was not an Ahmadi.

with the murder, including fellow student Imran Ali, who knew the victim well and pleaded guilty to shooting him. He was the only person who received a death sentence. A 58th man was arrested in March and is facing separate proceedings.

Mashal Khan’s father, Iqbal Khan, said, Justice has not been done in the case.

*“I don’t understand how several people were acquit-*

In all, 57 people were put on trial in connection

*ted despite very clear videos and other evidence,”* he told BBC Urdu.

On its 6th anniversary, he was remembered extensively on media. One Mona Farooq, on @ Monachaudhry tweeted the following:

*Today it's been 6 years since Mashal Khan was lynched by his own university fellows in KPK.*

*But even a tragedy of this scale couldn't resurrect our dead conscience. The same madness still going on.*

*Blasphemy laws continue to provide a favourable atmosphere for such tragedies but nobody seems to care.*

The prestigious daily Dawn published an op-ed 'in Mashal's memory on April 14, 2023. Its writer is Aasim Sajjad Akhtar.

## BBC REPORT ON SURGE IN ATTACKS ON AHMADIYYA WORSHIP PLACES

Four attacks on Ahmadiyya mosques in three consecutive days—in Sindh alone—raise suspicion that these were planned and coordinated. BBC also noticed this surge in attacks on Ahmadiyya worship places, especially in Sindh and Punjab, during the month. They investigated and published an article<sup>2</sup>, on February 4, 2023, titled “**A surge in attacks on**

**Ahmadiyya community's worship places in Punjab and Sindh: It seems an organized campaign”** (translated).

The article is written by Mr Azam Khan, who works for [bbc.com/urdu](https://bbc.com/urdu). It sums up well most of what we have been reporting in our dispatches.

# F. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HIGHLIGHTING THE PERSECUTION OF AHMADIS

## US STATE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**The daily Dawn; May 22, 2023:** This daily made an editorial comment on the subject report with re- spect to Pakistan. It is a fair comment that deserves to be placed on record. We reproduce it below:

### Editorial: Minority reports

TWO recent American reports paint an unflattering picture where the state of religious freedom in Pakistan is concerned. The US State Department's 2022 Report on International Religious Freedom's section on Pakistan presents an extensive list of incidents of religious persecution in the country. It observes that in 2022, at least 52 people “were accused of blasphemy or related religion-based criminal charges”. Most

1. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1247595>

2. [bbc.com/urdu/articles/c2e25vni6y0](https://bbc.com/urdu/articles/c2e25vni6y0)

of the accused were Ahmadi. It also highlights the issues of forced conversion and targeted killings on religious grounds. Meanwhile, the annual report of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom also has few good things to say about freedom of belief in Pakistan. Highlighting many of the same issues the State Department report mentioned, the USCIRF document recommends re-designating Pakistan as a “country of particular concern”, while advocating targeted sanctions against Pakistan. Reacting to the State Department report, the Foreign Office has termed it “ill-informed ... irresponsible and counterproductive”, while claiming that Pakistan’s Constitution offers a “robust framework” for religious freedom.

While the US does tend to use such reports as political tools, there can be little argument with the findings. Even if these reports had not been compiled, the grim fact is that the state of religious freedom in Pakistan is far from ideal. The public lynchings over accusations of blasphemy, misuse of the blasphemy law, and the marginalization of minority communities are all stark realities in today’s Pakistan. This is so because, whereas the country’s founders had envisaged a pluralistic state where all denominations would be free to profess their beliefs, over the decades, rabid extremists have hijacked the discourse — often encouraged by the establishment — bringing us to where we stand today. Instead of living in denial, the state must work to roll back the tide of extremism that threatens to take Pakistan under. This must be done not to please any external powers, but to make Pakistan a more liveable place for all its citizens.<sup>1</sup>

## UN CONCERN OVER TREATMENT OF AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

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**The daily Dawn; June 3, 2023:** Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) wrote a letter to the government of Pakistan, to take effective action, and send back a report. It was reported in the daily Dawn<sup>2</sup> as reproduced below:

### UN BODY VOICES CONCERN OVER TREATMENT OF AHMADIS

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

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

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

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

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

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

“While awaiting a reply, we urge that all necessary interim measures be taken to halt the alleged violations and prevent their re-occurrence and in the event that the investigations support or suggest the allegations

1. Published in the daily Dawn on May 22, 2023

2. <https://www.dawn.com/news/1252632>

to be correct, to ensure the accountability of any person(s) responsible for the alleged violations.”

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

“We are deeply concerned about violent attacks against the Ahmadi minority, which we have previously addressed in several communications that despite our requests for remedial actions from authorities, the safety of the Ahmadi minority continues to deteriorate,” the OHCHR said.

## A NOTEWORTHY PRESS REPORT

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### USCIRF “Particularly Concerned” About Mistreatment of Hazaras and Ahmadis by Pakistan

Extracts from a report<sup>1</sup> under the above heading are reproduced below:

#### **A November 6 statement castigates the repatriation of Afghan members of religious minorities and the continued persecution of the Ahmadis.**

By Marco Respinti

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Pakistan is criticized by USCIRF both for the repatriation of religious minority refugees from Afghanistan to a country where they will be persecuted and for its continued persecution of Ahmadi Muslims...

In Pakistan, Ahmadi Muslims are accused of being infidels and heretics and of rejecting the Islamic doctrine that Muhammad was “the Seal of the Prophets,” meaning that no genuine prophet could appear after him. Ahmadis regard their founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad as “both a prophet and a follower of the Holy Prophet [Muhammad],” which is not good enough for conservative Muslims, who would not tolerate the use of the word “prophet” applied to any post-Muhammad spiritual master.

“Throughout 2023,” the USCIRF says, “incidents targeting the Ahmadiyya community have increased. Despite an August ruling by the Lahore High Court mandating that Ahmadiyya mosques built before 1984 cannot be destroyed or altered, government and nonstate actors continue to vandalize structures, prevent the construction of minarets, and erase the public display of Qur’anic verses. Members of the community continue to be detained on blasphemy charges and are denied equal voting rights in local, provincial, and national elections unless they renounce their faith.”

International institutions continue to condemn “Pakistan for its egregious violations of the rights of religious minorities. These violations are increasing. It is time for words to be followed by sanctions.”

## STATEMENT OF US COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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**VOA, November 7, 2023:** USCIRF issued a statement under the following headline (extracts, translated from Urdu).<sup>2</sup>

#### **Statement of the Commission on Religious Freedom reservations on attacks on Ahmadis and detainment of refugees.**

**USCIRF has expressed serious concern over attacks on the Ahmadi community in Pakistan and the detainment of some Afghan refugees.**

<sup>1</sup> <https://bitterwinter.org/uscirf-particularly-concerned-about-mistreatment-of-hazaras-and-ahmadis-by-pakistan/>

<sup>2</sup> [d2nxu8dtdenvyf.cloudfront.net/a/us-commission-on-international-religious-freedom-7nov2023/7344909.html](https://d2nxu8dtdenvyf.cloudfront.net/a/us-commission-on-international-religious-freedom-7nov2023/7344909.html)

The statement further mentioned that during the Taliban regime, members of the Christian, Shia Muslim, Ahmadi, and Sikh communities faced difficulties in the practice of their faith.

### Questions concerning the Ahmadi Community

USCIRF has further expressed concern over incidents of demolition of minarets and niches of Ahmadi places of worship...

According to the Commission report, despite the LHC verdict that Ahmadi worship places built prior to 1984 will not be altered, partial demolition of these buildings and incidents of desolation of their minarets and inscriptions goes on nevertheless.

The Report mentions that members of the Ahmadi community are detained on allegations of blasphemy. Also, they are deprived of equal rights in voting for the provincial and national Assemblies, unless they recant their belief. Commissioner Susi... of the USCIRF has demanded that the government of Pakistan should implement the decision of the Lahore High Court and all citizens of Pakistan, while practicing their own faith, should have equal rights in voting.

Maulana Tahir Ashrafi, PM's Advisor of Religious Harmony has said that the constitutional rights of Ahmadis should be protected.

According to him, the Ahmadi community has been declared non-Muslim in the Constitution as per law, so they cannot build their worship places resembling Muslim mosques.

While talking to VOA, Tahir Ashrafi stated that he had already advised the Ahmadi community to design their worship places differently from mosques.

## OFFICIAL GERMAN COMMENT ON PERSECUTION OF AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

**Germany; January 15, 2023:** Mr. Frank Schwabe, website at the occasion of Day of Religions. It included a para on the Ahmadi situation in Pakistan. the Federal Government Commissioner for Freedom of Religious or Belief issued a statement on official We produce below its official translation (extracts):

### Day of Religions: Schwabe focuses on religious minorities

Website of the Federal Government Commissioner for Freedom of Religion or Belief.

*“Religious affiliation has different regional emphases and many believers belong to either a majority religion or a minority religion, depending on where they live. But there are also religious communities that are always a minority. Such as the Baha’i, the Ahmadiyya or the Jehovah’s Witnesses”,* explains Frank Schwabe.

“The Ahmadiyya are discriminated against and persecuted as a religious minority. In Pakistan in particular, where around four million members of the religious community live, they are particularly affected by arrests and charges of the criminal offense of ‘insulting Islam’. Their places of worship are regularly torn down and cemeteries are desecrated. Ahmadiyya cannot live in safety in other countries either. Just a few days ago, nine Ahmadi Muslims were killed in a mosque in Burkina Faso.

*“As the representative, I will continue to work to ensure that discrimination and persecution of religious minorities are made public, protection against threats and persecution is increased and the situation of religious actors in minorities is improved.”* Says Schwabe.<sup>1</sup>

1. Frank Schwabe, Beauftragter der Bundesregierung für Religionsfreiheit 15.01.2023

## A WORTHY PROCLAMATION BY US PRESIDENT

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**White House; January 13, 2023:** Mr. Joseph R. Biden Jr, the President of the United States of America issued today a Proclamation on Religious Freedom, and proclaimed January 16, 2023 as Religious Freedom Day. This Proclamation is principled, noble and

meritorious. Although directly relevant to the US, it is noteworthy for states like Pakistan and many others, for its applicability in their own countries. It is reproduced at Annex XVII.

## PAKISTAN ADVISED

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**Geneva; Jan 31 to Feb 2, 2023:** The daily Dawn<sup>1</sup> reported the following in its issue of February 2, 2023 (extracts):

### **Pakistan gets 340 suggestions to improve rights situation**

**By Amin Ahmed February 02, 2023**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has received 340 recommendations from UN member states on its fourth periodic report on the human rights situation in the country, and the government will examine these recommendations and report back to the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) in its forthcoming meeting.

A draft report prepared on Wednesday by the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Geneva-based Human Rights Council, available with Dawn, stated: All conclusions and/or recommendations contained in the present report reflect the position of the submitting state(s) and/or the state under review. They should not be construed as endorsed by the Working Group as a whole.

Pakistan's response to the recommendations will be included in the outcome report adopted by the HRC at its 53rd session, it added...

The US demanded repeating or amending blasphemy laws, and ending other discriminating laws used against members of Ahmadi and other religious minority communities.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dawn.com/news/1734878>

# FROM THE MEDIA

- Chenab Nagar: Defiling the holy book; Qadiani accused arrested  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 01, 2023*
- Five Ahmadiis Booked For Distributing ‘Altered’ Version of Quran in Chiniot  
*The daily The Friday Times, Lahore; January 9, 2023*
- Another Ahmadiyya worship place vandalized  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 3, 2023*
- Qadiani lawyer, practicing law as a Muslim, arrested. Ali Ahmad Tariq posed to be a Syed. Case registered in City Courts PS (in Karachi) on protest of lawyers.  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, April 28, 2023*
- Vandalism of Ahmadi worship place in Mirpurkhas  
*Thefridaytimes.com/2023/05/04/Ahmadi*
- Pakistan: Imam threatens to break Ahmadi headmaster’s legs ANI on May 5, 2023  
<https://voicepk.net/2023/07/5-firs-against-ahmadiyya-community-for-sacrificing-animals-on-eid/>
- Police directed in Punjab to bar Ahmadiis from undertaking Qurbani — VOA Urdu  
<https://d2nxu8ddenvtf.cloudfront.net/a/ahmadiyya>
- Police took away meat from our fridge. Ahmadiis celebrated Eid in fear.  
*bbc.com/urdu/articles/C9974j518580*
- Police demolishes Ahmadiis’ worship place after TLP threats in Jhelum  
*minute.mirror.com.pk/police-demolishes...on July 16, 2023*
- Neither Living nor Dead Ahmadiis Protected in Jhelum as Graves Vandalized.  
*thefriday.times.com/2023/07/20/neither living*
- Eight Ahmadiis arrested in Badami Bagh area  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 21, 2023*
- Ahmadiyya worship places desecrated (in Gujrat and Sheikhpura)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 1, 2023*
- Ahmadiis’ places of worship attacked again (in Karachi)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 5, 2023*
- Police damage Ahmadiyya worship place (in Shahdhra Town)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, September 9, 2023*
- 40 places of worship of Ahmadiis destroyed in 2023 in Pakistan  
*Daily pioneer.com/2023/world-40-places on October 18, 2023*
- HRCP blames leadership, pulpit misuse for Sargodha blasphemy cases.
- (HRCP) Fact-finding mission says TLP protest, including sermons, escalated likelihood of violence against minority community.  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 07, 2023*
- KPK: End of Prophethood oath compulsory; family laws amended (by the government)
- Groom and bride obligated to take oath on KN issue  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, December 24, 2023*
- We’ll protect the End of Prophethood till the final drop of blood: (Mulla) Shabbir Ahmad (Usmani in Rabwah)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 14, 2023*
- Campaign against deniers of End of Prophethood will continue: Speakers (at Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 17, 2023*
- Memorable and historic date of September 7, 1974 when the last nail was driven in the coffin of Qadianiat by declaring Qadianis a non-Muslim minority.  
*Op-ed-Special Edition of the daily Dunya, Faisalabad, September 7, 2023*
- September 7 should be celebrated officially as the Khatme Nabuwat Day: International KN Conference
- Ulema should gain political and parliamentary power: Fazl ur Rahman
- Qadianis on key posts should be fired: (Mul-

- la) Hafeez Jalandhary
- Qadianiat – a threat at world level: Sirajul Haq (JI)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, September 8, 2023*
  - 600 Qadianis in Israeli army are bombing Palestine: Khatme Nabuwwat Conference  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, October 27, 2023*
  - Conspiracy under way to attack (shab khun) the Protection of End of Prophethood and Islamic beliefs, in the guise of positive image; KN Conference (in Chenab Nagar)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, October 28, 2023*
  - Jamia Hafsa (Islamabad) students (females) back on streets after police operation  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 22, 2023*
  - Mob storms police station, lynches ‘blasphemy’ accused (in Nankana, Punjab)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 12, 2023*
  - 15 injured in IJT attack on Holi events at PU  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 7, 2023*
  - Terror-stricken Sikh community weary of its safety
  - 125 policemen martyred in militant attacks in three months  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 04, 2023*
  - The police took into custody 20 students – 15 from Islami Jamiat Talaba (IJT) and five from the Punjabi Council – on Monday following a clash on the New Campus of the Punjab University  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 9, 2023*
  - Militant attacks claim 389 lives in six months  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 3, 2023*
  - Jaranwala: 12 registered and 5 unregistered churches set on fire. 80 houses were damaged. 30-40 homes completely burnt. 5 cases registered against 1200; 150 arrested.  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 18, 2023*
  - Plight of Education in Pakistan: Syed Muzamil Official  
*Video 19:13 on YouTube (October 2023)*
  - Blasphemy accused shot dead (in Khanewal Distt)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2023*
  - ATA case against 150 PU students for violent protest
  - Jamiat Talaba Nazim, Usman Gujjar also nominated  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 9, 2023*
  - Pakistan witnessed highest number of suicide attacks since 2014  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 25, 2023*
  - According to the Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies, up till November (this year) around 600 militant attacks had occurred in Pakistan, causing nearly 900 fatalities. This is said to be an 81 pc escalation in attacks over those in 2022.  
*Editorial, The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 13, 2023*
  - Indian supreme court suspends Uttar Khand high court’s order to expel thousands of Muslims from their homes in Baldwari neighborhood  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 6, 2023*
  - Anglican church and UK condemn desecration of Jerusalem graves  
*bbc.com/news/world/middl-east-64163185*
  - Politicians slam burning of Holy Quran in Sweden  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 23, 2023*
  - US Commission for International Religious Freedom Statement: Expression of concern over attacks on Ahmadis and detainment of refugees  
*d2nxu8ddenvtf.cloudfront.net/of 7 Nov 2023*
  - After Sweden, Quran desecrated in Netherlands too  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 25, 2023*
  - Haryana: Hindu extremists torture Muslim to death over bawling (layjana) a cow. Police call it accident; relatives rejects.  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, February 1, 2023*
  - India: Two Muslims burnt alive over cow smuggling



- The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, February 17, 2023*
- BBC raids show India’s shrinking media freedom under Modi  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 5, 2023*
  - Yousuf named W. Europe’s first Muslim head of govt.  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 29, 2023*
  - S. Arabia-Iran patch-up takes world by surprise
  - China calls it victory for peace  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 7, 2023*
  - Pakistan opts out of US-hosted summit (on democracy)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 29, 2023*
  - India: Mughal chapter removed from syllabus. We are now spared from fake history: BJP  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, April 5, 2023*
  - Azan on loudspeaker 5 times daily permitted in US city of Minneapolis  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 15, 2023*
  - Chinese worker in custody after mob accused him of blasphemy  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 17, 2023*
  - 66 lawmakers urge Blinken to push for ‘democracy’ in Pakistan  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, May19, 2023*
  - G20 meet begins in held Kashmir amid boycott China, Turkiye, Saudi Arabia stay away from event  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 23, 2023*
  - India has turned the held Kashmir into a Guantanamo Bay: Mehbooba Mufti  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 22, 2023*
  - Deaths raise fresh fears over cow vigilantism in India.
  - Police arrested Nafiz and Shaukeen (Muslims) on cow smuggling charges because they “found a cow in the car”, Mr Singla says.
  - Waris is now dead. Nafiz is in jail. And Shaukeen is yet to come to terms with the horrors of the night. (All three Muslims attacked by a group of Hindu men.)  
*BBC Top Stories on May 9, 2023*
  - ICC (at the Hague) undeterred after Russia put prosecutor Khan on wanted list  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 21, 2023*
  - Finland the top ‘happiest’ country, Pakistan 108th, Israel 4th — Afghanistan near the bottom  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, May 22, 2023*
  - US panel assails India again over religious freedom
  - Latest report also calls for reviewing waivers given to Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 2, 2023*
  - Top brass says Kabul abetting terror in Pakistan. Army points to TTP’s acquisition of advanced weaponry from Afghanistan, terms it ‘major’ challenge to country’s security.  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 18, 2023*
  - (India) Govt.: No state waqf board can call Ahmadiyyas non-Muslim.
  - Waqf Boards in Certain States Passing Illegal Restriction: Ahmadiyya  
*Times Nation (India)*
  - Prestigious UK university honors Salam’s legacy. Imperial College London this week announced that it will be naming its central library after late Pakistani physicist and Nobel Prize winners Dr. Abdus Salam  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 2, 2023*
  - (India) Authorities shut 800-year-old mosque in BJP-ruled state  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 16, 2023*
  - (India) Five dead as communal violence flares in Haryana. Mob sets fire to mosque in Gurugram after Hindu procession disrupted in Nuh.  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 2, 2023*
  - Anti-Islam populist Wilders wins Dutch election  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 24, 2023*

## Editorials

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### ANOTHER LYNCHING

There is no question about it: We are living in a hell of our own making. The kind of medievalism that was witnessed in Nankana Sahib Saturday, when a mob of hundreds of enraged men, lynched a blasphemy suspect and attempted to set his body on fire, is not new.....

Over the decades, it is the state that allowed extremism to grow at home, after weaponizing religion for its own ends. The remedy too lies primarily with the state-but is not an easy one. Deep-rooted reform is needed that goes well beyond simply reassessing the blasphemy laws; it starts with revamping education in schools to promote inclusive thinking and with cracking down on groups and individuals that spew hate against those who hold different beliefs.....

Even in these times of economic distress, the government must not relegate the issue to the backburner.

*The daily Dawn Lahore; February 13, 2023*

### FAIZABAD REDUX

THE memory of the infamous Faizabad dharna of 2017 has returned to haunt Pakistan. When one looks back at the stand-off, which eventually saw the Tehreek-i-Labbaik catapulted into the political ‘main-stream’, there is little to feel but regret.

As the Supreme Court takes up review petitions against its 2019 verdict in the same case, the TLP is once again on the rampage, this time against minority communities.

Unfortunately, there has been, so far, no attempt by the state to clamp down on their disruptive activities — an approach in line with the security establishment’s earlier inclination to allow a free hand to the group. Interestingly, those who had filed the review pleas against the 2019 Faizabad sit-in *verdict now want them withdrawn*.

*They include the PTI, which participated in an extended smear campaign against the current chief justice following the judgement, but which now finds it more suitable for his verdict to be implemented without further qualification.*

*There are also some who do not want the matter to be revisited as this will invariably give rise to difficult questions about the present political context.*

It may be recalled that the Supreme Court’s Faizabad ruling had prompted a presidential reference against Justice Isa — a move that was widely seen as a ‘punishment’ for his attempt to hold the security forces to account.

The judgement was seen as a clarion call for unelected quarters to respect their oath, to stop interfering in the political domain, and to check religious extremists, instead of patronising them.

But none was ever prosecuted for engaging in unlawful political activity, and the TLP was allowed to flourish despite its virulent ideology, which recurrently caused immense embarrassment for the Pakistani authorities in later years.

The political instability seen lately and the repeated attacks on Pakistan’s minority communities in recent weeks are just some of the symptoms of the state’s failure to implement the Faizabad sit-in verdict.

After the Eid Milad-un-Nabi bombings this Friday, many observers have been wondering why Pakistan continues to be targeted by those seeking to shed innocent blood. It would appear that violent extremism continues to find easy outlets here because it ranks so low in our state's priorities.

Consider how the state responded to the Faizabad verdict. When the court excoriated the security agencies for failing to act firmly against those openly spreading hate and advocating extremism, the administration at the time, instead of ensuring that the miscreants were dealt with resolutely, attempted to neutralise the judge who had issued the ruling.

As long as terrorists know that our state will turn a blind eye to bigotry and hate, there is little hope for us to be rid of the malignancies that have become embedded in our sociopolitical fabric.

*Published in the daily Dawn, Lahore; October 2, 2023*

## Op-eds and etc

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### RELIGION AND PAKISTANIAT

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

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

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

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

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

### OTHER PEOPLE'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS

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

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

Yet, in 1971, when civil war broke out in the former East Pakistan, Maududi's party was in the forefront of recruiting young men to aid the military in its war against Bengali separatists. In Religion and the Cold War,

the historian Phil Muehlenbeck writes that the military helped the JI form two militia units, Al-Badar and Al-Shams, whose purpose was to root out and hunt down Bengali separatists.

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

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

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

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

## **WHO SET FIRE TO JARANWALA?**

...To specify with which places of worship were targeted by a large crowd is evidence of both the scale of the rot within society and the high level of local organization required to make it possible. TLP, other Barelvi extremists, and their backers have much to answer for....

The sociopolitical aspect of violent incidents such as the one in Jaranwala is far harder to tackle because it is so wide-ranging. A toxic mix of extremist clerics, pandering politicians, conniving generals, status-seeking businessmen, and honour-seeking young men all feeds into it.

Over the past decade and a half, Pakistani society has witnessed the Barelvi far-right gain recognition, prestige, and massive followership by weaponising the issue of blasphemy and respect for the Prophet PBUH.

Drawing on global incidents, they have domesticated the idea of a threat to Islam in a country that is 95 per cent Muslim. Incidents like Jaranwala happen because of the takeover of mosques, the discrediting of mainstream clerics, and the use of grassroots organising and digital outreach.

But they also happen because generals are happy to co-opt these movements for political ends. They happen, in part, because a braying mob paid a few thousand rupees each is useful to cut down a political government to size. And because a few thousand votes are useful to achieve the desired election result.

They happen because a politician who gets up and says he would cut off the head of an alleged blasphemer ends up validating vigilante violence as a source of prestige. A politician who says he will not forgive others for endangering respect for the Prophet PBUH by attempting to make a procedural change in some legal document is also part of the problem. A politician who makes unfathomable changes to marriage documents in a bid to publicise his pious credentials has also contributed to the issue. And an assembly that attempts to pass legislation widening the ambit of blasphemy and endangering an entire sect is adding explosive fuel to an already burning fire.

There are other contributions at play here as well. There is the local bureaucrat who doesn't want to ruffle any feathers. There's a businessman who wants to earn a bit of recognition in the community, so ends up sponsoring a few religious gatherings and donates to a local TLP chapter.

May be he does it under pressure, maybe he believes in what's being preached, or maybe he's just in it for the name on the banner or the plaque outside the mosque. The intentions are immaterial because the

outcome is the same.

And then there is the actual mob itself. Young men, with little prospects of upward social and material mobility. Religious rhetoric provides them with a sense of community and of being a part of something bigger. Indoctrinated with notions of honour and masculinity that can only be validated by taking revenge from some vulnerable minority over an imagined crime they probably didn't even commit.

Even in a state of heightened pessimism, one could see the possibility of a low-capacity state like Pakistan fixing the law and order aspect of mob violence to some degree. Addressing the toxic social and political aspect, however, seems far more difficult.

*By Umair Javed in the daily Dawn Lahore; August 21, 2023*

## **IN THE FACE OF INCREASING MISUSE, LAWMAKERS DOUBLE DOWN ON STRICTER BLASPHEMY LEGISLATION**

... “The PTI government’s tenure was the worse compared to its predecessors in terms of victimization of religious minorities and Muslims alike over allegations of blaspheming the majority religion,” he (Jacob) says.

Asad Iqbal But from the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan also agreed that there was a clear rise in blasphemy cases during the PTI government’s tenure. It was firstly because former prime minister Imran Khan was openly in support of having a dialogue with terrorists and militant outfits, he opined.

Then, the TLP, which has a very radical view about one specific Muslim sect, was allowed to be launched. They not only lodged blasphemy cases against religious minorities but also didn't spare Muslims, he told Prism. He noted that TLP activists and supporters had also been involved in the Jaranwala incident...

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1773628>

## **CONSTITUTIONAL ABYSS**

In today's Pakistan, fundamental rights and 'principles of policy' sound so alien.

*“The framers had inserted Article 184 (s) intending that the jurisdiction shall be exercised to ensure that the fundamental rights of the weak, vulnerable and marginalized classes are protected.” — Justice Athar Minallah*

*Zafar Mirza in the daily Dawn of April 21, 2023*

## **Reports**

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### **AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY IN PAKISTAN: EVERY DAY, ON LEAVING HOME I THINK THAT PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE THE FINAL DAY OF MY LIFE**

*BBC. Urdu*

... Since 1974, it is now, 49 years that Ahmadis were officially declared 'Non-Muslim'.

In the past 49 years, many Ahmadis have been killed for their faith. Their properties were attacked, so numerous Ahmadis not only had to leave homes but also the country, but even after 49 years this hatred is not diminishing and Ahmadi worship places are attacked frequently.

Under these circumstances, to tell you the truth, when I leave home these days, I think this could be the last day of my life.

[bbc.com/urdu/articles/c3wo2pq0y30](https://bbc.com/urdu/articles/c3wo2pq0y30)

## X Forum: Tweets



Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon  
@tariqahmadbt

The continued appalling attacks on Ahmadiyya Mosques in Pakistan and the persecution of the Community is a sad and tragic reality of today's Pakistan—a far cry of the inclusive, tolerant & progressive Pakistan as envisaged by its founders #MohammedAliJinnah @BBhuttoZardari



Dr. Tariq Anwar Bajwa @DrTariqBajwa · May 4

Another attack on Ahmadiyya Mosque in Mirpurkhas Sindh today 4.5.2023...



11:22 AM · May 5, 2023 · 33.2K Views



Sabookh Syed | سیوخ سید  
@SabookhSyed

عارف والا:66EB کی رہائشی تین بیٹیوں کی ماں مسرت بی بی مسیحی بیوہ خاتون ہے۔ گرلز اسکول میں نائب قاصد ہے۔ اسٹاف کے کہنے پر اسکول کے سٹور کو صاف کر کے اس نے ردی کو آگ لگادی۔ کچھ مقدس اوراق ملے تو لوگوں نے قرآن جلانے کا الزام لگادیا۔ اب اسے کیا علم کہ مقدس اوراق کیا ہیں؟

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Sabookh Syed | سیوخ سید @SabookhSyed · Apr 21

پاکستانی معاشرہ ختم ہو چکا، مر کھپ چکا، یہ معاشرہ کھلانے کے لائق ہی نہیں، یہ زومبیز کا ٹارچر روم ہے۔ قانون انصاف نام کی کوئی چیز نہیں،

کردار، ضمیر، اخلاق کاشانہ نہیں، برائستانی حق پامال ہے۔  
جہالت نال کھولے ناچ رہی ہے۔

یہاں علم و دانش اور صحافت کامیک اپ کروا کر کچھ چہروں کو برائے بنا گیا ہے۔

10:10 PM · Apr 21, 2023 · 18K Views

### Translation:

Arifwala: Musarat Bibi, a Christian widow, a mother of three daughters, a resident of 66EB. She is a deputy peon in a girls' school. She cleaned the school's store and set fire to the trash as told by the staff. When they found some holy pages therein, people accused her of burning the Quran. What could she know of holy pages.

Pakistani society is finished, dead. It is not worthy to be called a society. It is a zombie torture room. There is no such thing as law and justice here.

Character, conscience, morals are entirely missing. Every human right is violated.

Ignorance is reigning.

Here some faces are made up and branded in par-lours of knowledge and journalism.



Umer Farooq  
@FarooqUmer

My friend told me his cousin got fired from Askari Bank in Pakistan because they found out he is an Ahmadi. His neighborhood also wants to evict him from his house now. How can the people of this God-forsaken country even contemplate that they will have any blessings from Allah?

2:24 AM · Apr 29, 2023 · 50.8K Views



Shaan  
@Shanyousaf6

They erase Kalma.  
They demolish Mosques.  
They desecrate graves.  
They deny burials.  
They remove MashaAllah/Bismillah written on shops.  
They imprison ppl for reading Quran.

They aren't Islamophobes or anti Islam pundits but Muslims of an Islamic Republic.

Think!

#LetAhmadisLive



12:39 AM · Feb 13, 2023 · 5,366 Views



Shaan  
@Shanyousaf6

David Spurdle, a teacher from Hornchurch & the founder of charity "Stand By Me" is the recipient of 2023 Ahmadiyya Muslim Peace Award.

Since 1995, David & his team have rescued over 10,000 kids across 11 countries from Euthopia, Lebanon, Kenya, Nepal, Colombo & more.

#JalsaUK



9:19 PM · Jul 30, 2023 · 3,418 Views



Human Rights Commission of Pakistan  
@HRCP87

The continued state surveillance of private citizens and public officials violates their constitutional right to privacy and dignity and must be condemned in no uncertain terms. #righttoprivacy #audioleaks



25 Apr 2023

#righttoprivacy

The continued state surveillance of private citizens and public officials violates their constitutional right to privacy and dignity and must be condemned in no uncertain terms. Increasingly, the use of intrusive technologies to monitor private spaces and control particular narratives—depending on the political stakeholders in office—is cause for alarm. The government must strictly regulate the use of all surveillance tools, including those used ostensibly for legitimate purposes.

5:17 PM · Apr 25, 2023 · 6,564 Views



Ayesha Siddiqi  
@iamthedrifter

Khan cannot be categorized as a politician; he is an agitator-entertainer rather than an effective policymaker. From economy and foreign policy to controlling the state – he failed at all counts in his almost 4 years in govt



thediplomat.com

Pakistan In Crisis: Imran Khan vs. the Army Chief

Even if the establishment manages to put Khan behind bars, his political ghost will not be that easy to get rid of.

1:54 PM · Jun 1, 2023 · 247.9K Views



Obaid  
@Obaidullahkhan

سب سیاسی بخار میں مبتلا لوگوں کو یاد کروانا تھا کہ اس وقت پاکستان میں سب سے زیادہ بنیادی انسانی حقوق احمدیوں کے پامال کیے جا رہے ہیں۔ پامال تو اب چھوٹا لفظ ہے انکو انسانیت کے درجے سے بھی نچلے درجے کی مخلوق سمجھا جا رہا ہے۔

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10:49 AM · May 26, 2023 · 7,566 Views

**Translation:**

All the people suffering from political fever had to be reminded that the most basic human rights of Ahmadis are being violated in Pakistan at this time. “violated” is a small word now, they are being considered as creatures of a lower level than the level of humanity.



AmirMahmood  
@IamAmirMahmood

The use of derogatory language in @jang\_akhbar against the Ahmadiyya community. Such language is highly condemnable and goes against the principles of respect and tolerance. Discrimination and hate speech have no place in our society.



7:24 PM · May 29, 2023 · 3,253 Views

**Translation:**

... Laws regarding honor of the Holy Prophet PBUH and protection of end of prophethood are a part of our faith and Qadianis are like an injured snake. It is the duty of every Muslim to protect ‘End of Prophethood’. (Hafiz Saqib Sarwar Saqi in the daily Jang, Lahore of May 29, 2023)



Khawaja M. Asif  
@KhawajaMasif

آج پاکستان میں اقلیتوں کا دن ہے۔ ہمارا دین اور آئین ہم پہ انکے تحفظ کی ذمہ داری فرض کرتا ہے۔ پاکستان میں تمام شہریوں کے حقوق یکساں ہیں مذہب کی کوئی تفریق نہیں۔ آج عہد کریں ایسا معاشرہ تشکیل دیں جس میں پاکستانیت فروغ پائے۔ مٹی کیساتھ رشتے مضبوط ہوں۔ معاشی اور معاشرتی ناہمواری کا خاتمہ ہو۔ اقلیت اکثریت کا فرق مٹ جائے اور ہماری پہچان پاکستان ہو آمین

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Saleem ud Din  
@SaleemudDinAA

Ahmadis' Worship Place Vandalized In Karachi via @tft



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Ahmadis' Worship Place Vandalized In Karachi

In another targeted hate crime against Ahmadis, miscreants vandalized and damaged an Ahmadi place of worship in Karachi.

8:58 AM · Jul 27, 2023 · 4,106 Views

**Shehbaz Sharif** @CMShehbaz

No civilized society will allow the desecration of the holy personages, symbols and the Divine Books in the name of freedom of expression. The grant of permission to desecrate the Holy Quran, Torah & Bible is part of a sinister, vile & despicable agenda whose sole aim could be to threaten world peace. I call upon the OIC and the civilized world to come forward & take steps to put an end to such abominable practices as desecration of the Holy Books. The attitudes that incite religious hatred, promote violence and encourage terrorism & militancy need to be checked. We should not let a handful of Satanic characters undermine our shared values of peace, and tolerance, pluralism.

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**Ali Usman Qasmi** @AU\_Qasmi

Since the 70s, Ahmadis have endured violence, but the last 5 years have seen a disturbing surge in anti-Ahmadi attacks due to TLP's rise. What's even more troubling is the rise of vigilante violence by 'ordinary folks,' once confined to central Punjab, now it's all over Pakistan.

### ATTACKS ON AHMADI PLACES OF WORSHIP IN PAKISTAN | JANUARY - JULY 2023

Between January and July 2023, there have been ten attacks on Ahmadi places of worship across the country.

**10**

10 Jan   Minarets Desecrated in Wazirabad	4 Feb   Gun Fire attack in Settaitte Town, Mirpur Khas
18 Jan   Minarets Desecrated in Martin Road Karachi	25 Mar   Minarets Desecrated in Kalra Kalan, Gujrat
02 Feb   Minarets Desecrated of Ahmadiyya Hall Karachi	15 Apr   Minarets Desecrated in Ghogyat, Sargodha
3 Feb   Arson Attack in Noor Nagar, Umer Kot	4 May   Minarets Desecrated in Dhalanabad, Mirpur Khas
3 Feb   Minarets Desecrated in Gohd Khan Murran	11 Jul   Minarets Desecrated in Kala Gajran, Jehlum

Since the enactment of Ordinance XXI and the subsequent anti-Ahmadi laws by former military dictator General Zia-ul-Haq in 1984, Ahmadi places of worship have regularly suffered acts of vandalism and desecration perpetrated by both authorities and vigilante mobs. These attacks often involve the destruction of minarets and domes, and religious inscriptions. While the assailants cite the law, legal experts argue it doesn't apply to worship sites. The Islamic exclusivity of minarets and domes is also debated. Shockingly, 173 Ahmadi places of worship have been targeted.

**SINCE 1984**

- Ahmadi Places of Worship Seized by Authorities
- Ahmadi Places of Worship Set on Fire or Bombed
- Ahmadi Places of Worship Forcefully Occupied
- Construction of Ahmadi Places of Worship Banned
- Ahmadi Places of Worship Demolished

3:49 PM · Jul 19, 2023 · 28.2K Views

**Yasser Latif Hamdani** @theRealYLH

TLP is gathering a mob at Chak Marh 45 on Faisalabad Road to demolish an Ahmadi place of worship. Authorities are going to throw Ahmadis under the bus as usual.

12:37 PM · Aug 7, 2023 · 8,660 Views

**PressSectionSAA** @PressSectionSAA

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قائد اعظم کا سر محمد ظفر اللہ خان کو ہدیہ تبرک پیش کرنا  
قائد اعظم نے فرمایا:  
”میں اپنی اور اپنی پارٹی کی  
جانب سے آزاہیل سر محمد ظفر اللہ  
خان کو ہدیہ تبرک پیش کرنا چاہتا  
ہوں۔ وہ مسلمان ہیں اور یوں  
کہنا چاہئے کہ میں اپنے بیٹے کی  
تعریف کر رہا ہوں۔ مختلف حلقوں نے ان کو جو مبارکباد دی ہے  
میں اس کی تائید کرتا ہوں“  
(بحوالہ ہماری قومی جدوجہد از ڈاکٹر عاشق حسین بالووی صفحہ 76)

11:14 AM · Aug 14, 2023 · 3,740 Views

**Translation:**

Quaid-e-Azam's homage to Sir Muahmmad Zafarullah Khan

Quaid-e-Azam said: I myself and on behalf of my party, felicitations to Honorable Sir Zafarullah Khan. He is Muslim, and so to say, I am admiring my our son. I support the greetings extended to him by various circles.

(Ref: Hamari Qaumi Jaddo Jehad by Dr Ashiq Hussain Batalvi. P:76)

**Shaan** @Shanyousaf6

Imagine life of an Ahmadi in Pakistan.

Imagine being persecuted since you're born.

Imagine being thrown in prison for professing your faith.

Imagine mob attacking your business & police arresting you.

Imagine living in fear.

Your silence is as CRIMINAL as persecution itself.

10:19 PM · Aug 21, 2023 · 4,730 Views





**Husain Haqqani** @husainhaqqani

The Bajaur terrorist attack should remind Pakistan's policymakers of @HillaryClinton's famous line: "You can't keep snakes in your backyard and expect them only to bite your neighbors."

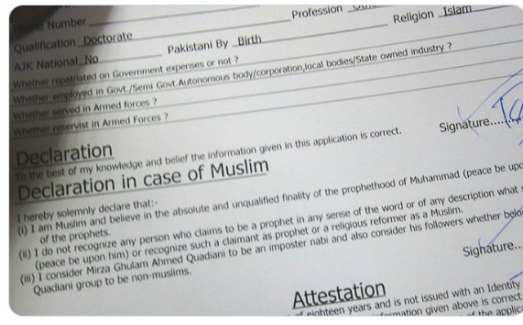
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**Mona Farooq Ahmad** @MonaChaudhry

Applying for a Pakistani passport requires you to sign a declaration that Ahmedis are not Muslims. Pakistani passport ranks fourth worst in the world, only higher than those of Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan.



**Amjad Mahmood Khan** @AmjadMKhanEsq

What a huge milestone for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in America: the first Ahmadi Muslim judge confirmed. I've known Tariq Chaudhri for many years, and he's an exceptionally talented lawyer and compassionate human being who will be terrific on the bench. Insha'allah.

**AMLA USA** @AMLAUSA · May 23  
 AMLA USA is incredibly blessed to announce that one of our own, Tariq Chaudhri, was today confirmed as the first American Ahmadi Muslim judge. AMLA's full statement on Tariq's elevation to the New Jersey Superior Court is below. Masha'Allah and Alhamdulillah! #ahmadilawyers



**Ahmadiyya Muslim Lawyers Association**



12:06 AM · May 23, 2023 · 7,910 Views



**APPG AhmadiyyaMuslim** @APPG\_Muslim

Yesterday a Westminster Hall debate took place on the 'Treatment of #Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan'.

The following tweets are some highlights from the debate.

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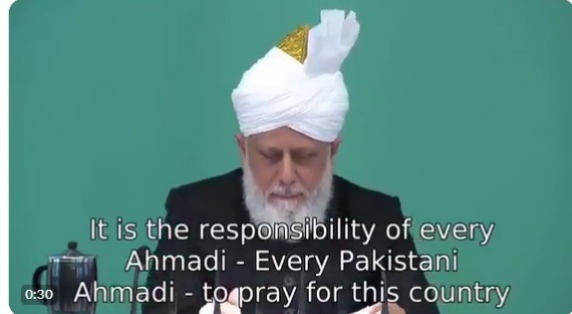
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**Shaan** @Shanyousaf6

"It is the responsibility of every Pakistani Ahmadi to pray for his country. May Allah keep Pakistan safe & may Pakistan be recognized among World's free & respected countries." - Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

#PakistanIndependenceDay



6:33 PM · Aug 14, 2023 · 2,947 Views



**Yasser Latif Hamdani** @theReaLYLH

Justice Qazi Faez Isa shouldn't give that hate-monger and bigot Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui any quarter. He was the worst thing that happened to Pakistani judiciary in the last 75 years. The damage that person did to our religious minorities was downright criminal.

10:26 PM · Dec 7, 2023 · 3,422 Views



**Shaan** @Shanyousaf6

Dr. Mubashir Hassan, co-founder of the PPP, confessed that the proceedings in the Parliament to declare Ahmadis non-Muslim were fictitious & fabricated & just a formality as the decision had already been made.

#Sept7th



7:17 PM · Sep 7, 2023 · 24.5K Views



**Nadeem Farooq Paracha** @NadeemFParacha

Israel has lost. Not against Hamas, but against humanity which refused to buy Netanyahu's BS & the pathetic response of various governments towards his genocidal agenda. They weren't expecting this kind of universal condemnation. They're now stranded on the wrong side of history.

9:57 AM · Nov 23, 2023 · 14.5K Views

**PressSectionSAA**  
@PressSectionSAA

Despite the clear order of LHC that the places of worship of the Ahmadiyya Community which were built before the 1984 law should not be demolished or altered, The LHR Police blocked the street from both sides and deployed laborers to tear down the Arch under their supervision.



3:37 PM · Sep 8, 2023 · 16.1K Views

**Mona Farooq Ahmad** ✓  
@MonaChaudhry

Heartbreaking to see Pakistan becoming a failed state where mob rule.

The Ahmadiyya Hall, a place of worship built in 1950s being demolished in Saddar Karachi by a violent mob.

This bigotry & fanaticism is the reason where we are standing today... in complete chaos.



7:55 PM · Sep 4, 2023 · 48.7K Views

**Yasser Latif Hamdani**  
@theRealYLH

When the PPP led parliament unanimously passed that horrible amendment to declare Ahmadis Non Muslim, ZAB expressly promised that the civil and political rights of Ahmadis wouldn't be violated. Since PPP claims credit for the amendment, it should also take steps to ensure that.

2:39 PM · Nov 20, 2023 · 4,057 Views

**Ahmadiyya**  
@Ahmadiyya

#Pakistan

Under Police Watch: Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosques Desecrated in Sheikhupura, Gujrat



thefridaytimes.com  
Ahmadi Worship Places Desecrated: Extremist Incidents Raise Concerns over... Recent acts of desecration on Ahmadi worship places in Gujrat and Sheikhupura highlight growing concerns over religious tensions and ...

5:51 PM · Aug 31, 2023 · 858 Views

**Mona Farooq Ahmad** ✓  
@MonaChaudhry

Captain Safdar's obsession with Ahmadis never ends. He has been inciting hatred & violence against Ahmadis since long & even calling this constitution a "muqaddas aaiyeen" in their enmity.

While in a parallel universe @pmln\_org portraying itself as the most liberal as possible.



7:42 AM · Nov 20, 2023 · 20.9K Views

**Mona Farooq Ahmad** ✓  
@MonaChaudhry

East or West — hate is consuming everything & striping us of our humanity.

This child brainwashed by TLP chanting "Qadianis are infidels." These kids might turn into cold-blooded killers, willing to blow themselves or others to bits.

We must protect our future – our children!



# CONCLUSION

*This year, 2023 AD, was a sort of repeat in most ways as previous years in the persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan, although in some ways, it got worse. It covered a wide range: extensive defiling of worship places and graves, registration of many police cases, long imprisonments, severe harassment in educational institutions, at jobs and businesses, denial of FoRB in many ways, blatant societal abuse, and intense hate speech—even murder and assaults.*

*The PTI had to quit even the provinces this year and diehard anti-Ahmadi politicians like Mr. Parvez Elahi lost power, but that provided little relief, as the ongoing anti-Ahmadi policy and implementation pattern were conveniently adopted by the successor governments. So it was ‘business as usual’ for the marginalized community.*

*Ahmadis’ mosques and worship became the primary targets this year. As this was most hurtful to Ahmadis, the Mulla persisted, and the governments, particularly in the Punjab, obliged him by complying with his demands. As a result, 44 such incidents occurred this year, a whopping increase over the previous year. Most of this vandalism was undertaken by officials themselves or with their approval, in their presence. More than One hundred graves were desecrated, almost all by the police. Also, the political masters were so insensitive to the human rights of Ahmadis that they took no action to undo discrimination against Ahmadis in availing voting rights in Elections, although even foreign observers had pointed to this violation of the Constitution and the international covenants.*

*The state and the bigoted sections of society vigorously resorted to anti-Ahmadi laws to worsen Ahmadis. One hundred and thirty-three Ahmadis were booked this year, as compared to 107 the previous year. The police, at many locations, denied Ahmadis’ freedom to practice their religion by forbidding animal sacrifice on their Eid ul Adha festival. The Punjab Government wrote a letter to district authorities to allow only Muslims to perform Qurbani in accordance with the Islamic rites; as a result, 13 Ahmadis were booked in criminal cases, and seven were arrested. At the year’s close, six Ahmadis were still in prison, some of them incarcerated for years, still under trial, for sharing Ahmadiyya content on social media, etc. No relief was provided like release on bail during the trial.*

*In the legal domain, some deranged bar associations made it mandatory for member-*

*ship applicants to submit an affidavit of their belief in the End of Prophethood. In Karachi, lawyers and thugs attacked a septuagenarian Ahmadi advocate. In Lahore High Court, a judge recused himself from Ahmadi's bail plea in a religion-based case. The next judge took little time in rejecting the plea.*

*Ahmadi students continued to face problems in schools, occasionally ending up with expulsion. Ahmadi teachers and government servants were harassed by mulla and suffered inappropriate transfers and glass ceilings in their careers.*

*There was no reduction in hateful propaganda against Ahmadis. Anas Rizvi, son of the TLP founder Khadim Hussain Rizvi told a large gathering that, "The Companions of the Holy Prophet killed 36,000 Mirzais under the leadership of Caliph Abu Bakr Siddique in the battle of Yamamah." Ahmadiyyat came into being 12 centuries after that battle. The laws prescribe five years of imprisonment for such hateful propaganda, but authorities consider it kosher if Ahmadis are targeted. In October, the Mulla assembled a 15,000 audience in Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya center to hear such speeches for two days. The authorities not only allowed the conference, they provided plenty of support.*

*All this produced results, inter alia, murder and numerous assaults. Tehreek Labbaik was at the forefront of the offensive against Ahmadis. The authorities now find these mulla a great inconvenience, even dangerous; however, against Ahmadis, they form a duo.*

*Most of what goes on in Pakistan against Ahmadis is no secret to HR activists, NGOs, and HR institutions. Some of them like the UN Rapporteur, USCIRF, the UK Bar Council, IBAHRI, and German FG Commissioner for FoRB conveyed their concerns to Pakistan Government suitably, however, Foreign Office rebutted the accusations as "ill-informed...irresponsible and counterproductive".*

*Saner elements of society in Pakistan seem to know about the nature and extent of this malady which is a part of the general national disorder. CJ Faiz Isa of the Supreme Court observed in court, inter alia, "Unfortunately, there is no environment of dialogue in the country; there is hatred, for which people use religion." A prominent politician Mr. Khaqan Abbasi, a former prime minister admitted on TV Samaa, "We'll have to admit that we are all guilty."*

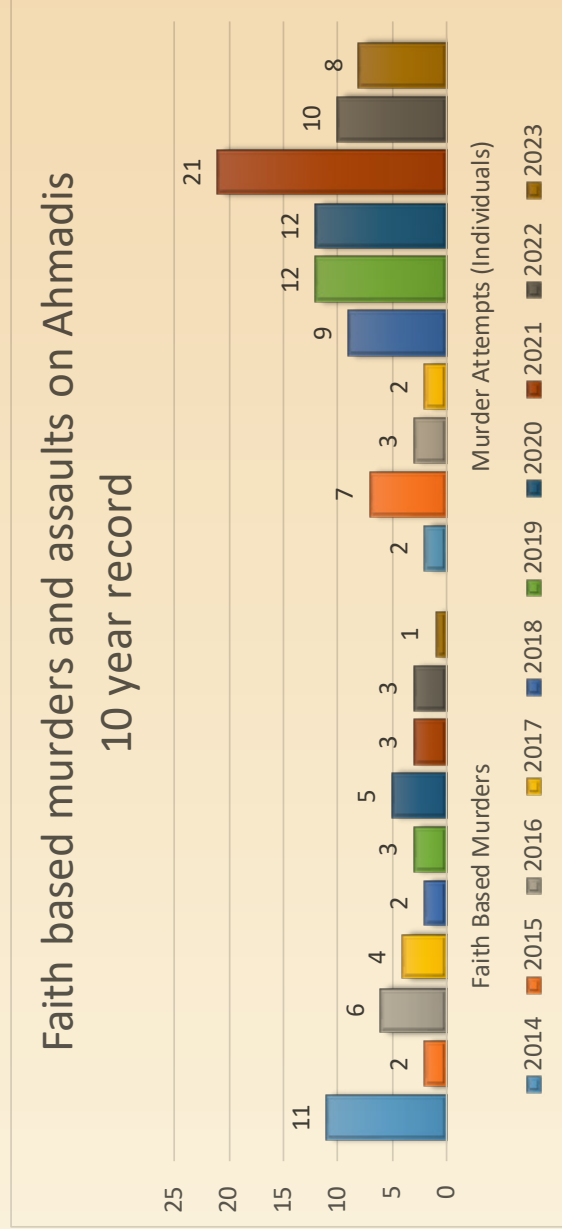
*So, the disease has been diagnosed, the remedy is obvious, but, are there any patriotic men and women of political sagacity and courage who are capable, willing, and ready to initiate the CHANGE?*

# INFOGRAPHICS

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## Faith Based Murders and Assaults – 10 year record

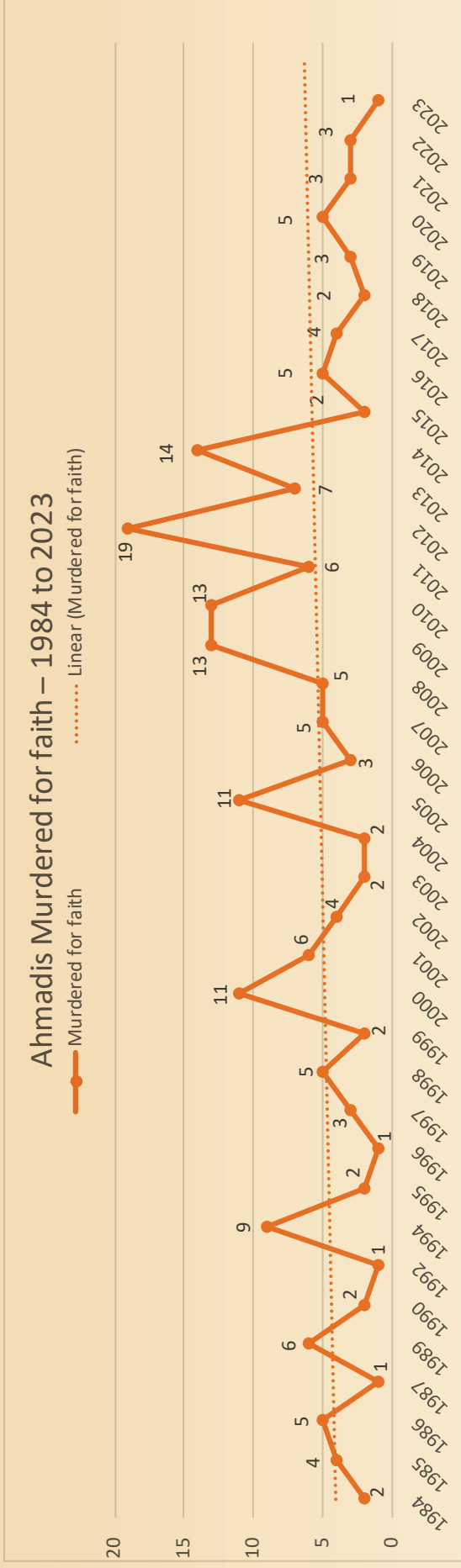
**40** Ahmadis have been killed for their faith over the last decade, at least **86** Ahmadis have survived these attacks, but with lasting disabilities



- Year 2014 includes only incidents as one of the attack i.e. arson of a whole village affected **125** Ahmadis.

## Ahmadis Murdered for faith

**276** Ahmadis have been murdered since 1984



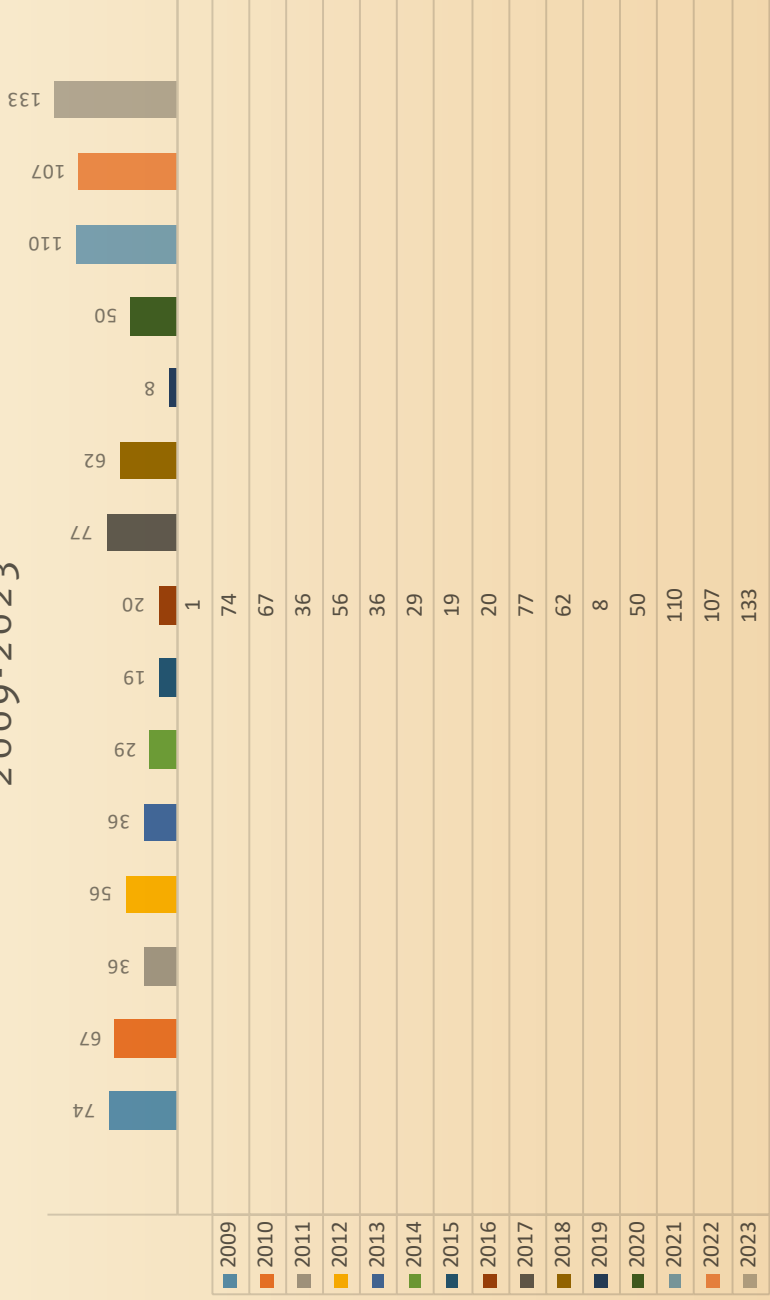
- The chart does not include **86** Ahmadis who lost their lives in 2010 during the attack on two Ahmadiyya Mosques in Lahore. **124** Ahmadis were injured in that incident.
- In addition to these **478** Ahmadis survived attempts for murder
- A clear rise (linear) in the faith based murders of Ahmadis can be seen. Currently at 7.315 per year, including martyrs of Lahore incident 2010.

## Faith Based Police Cases – 15 Year Record

There has been a significant increase in faith-based cases over the past four years, with the current number of cases standing at **400**. This figure is almost equivalent to the cumulative number of cases recorded in the preceding ten years.

FAITH BASED POLICE CASES – 10 YEAR RECORD

2009-2023



- **133** Ahmadis were booked by the police this year, and **27** of them were arrested.
- At the end of this year, **6** Ahmadis remain in prison for their faith
- Five Ahmadis have been in prison since 2020 and were denied bail, even by the Supreme Court. Another Ahmadis was arrested in Jan 2023 and is still behind bars and his bail plea was rejected by the High Court.



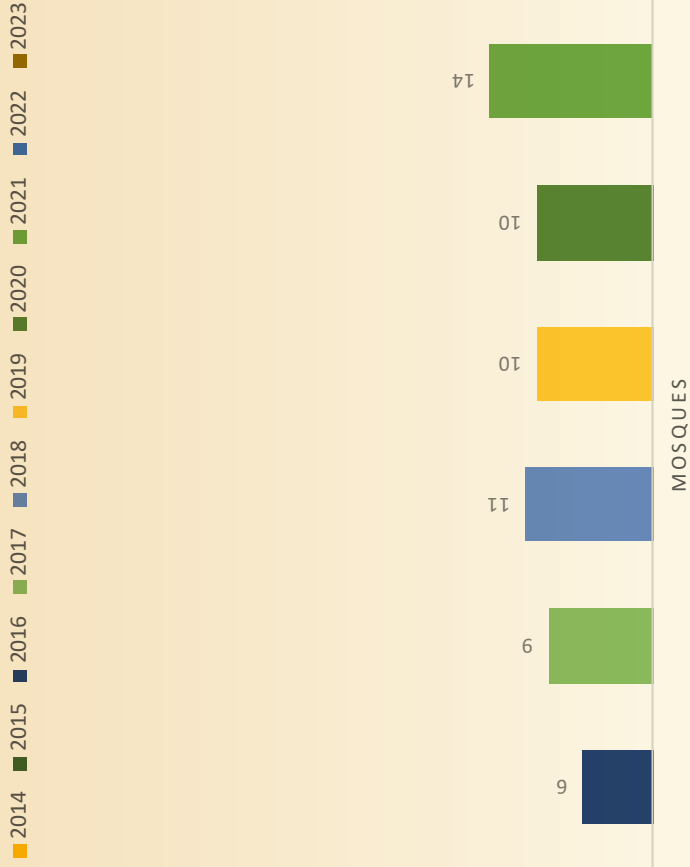
## Desecration of Ahmadiyya Mosques

**134** Mosques were desecrated in the Last Ten Years

**54%** of these incidents occurred in the last three years

This year the desecration of mosques has **almost doubled** compared to the total desecrations in the preceding two years.

### DESECRATION OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUES 10 YEAR RECORD

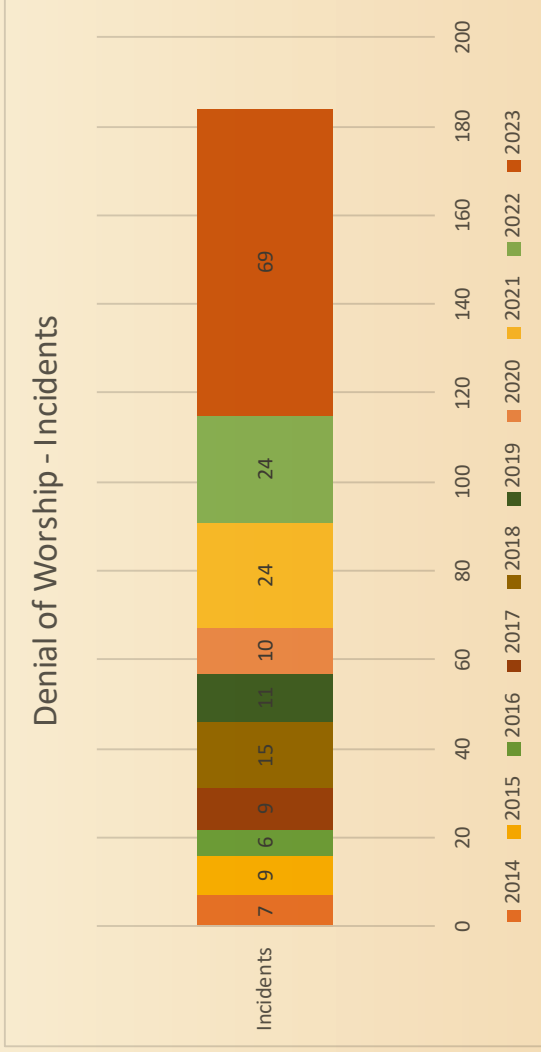


## Freedom of Worship Denied - Incidents

This encompasses all incidents where Ahmadis faced restrictions on their freedom of worship, including desecrations of mosques

**184** Incidents in the Last Ten Years

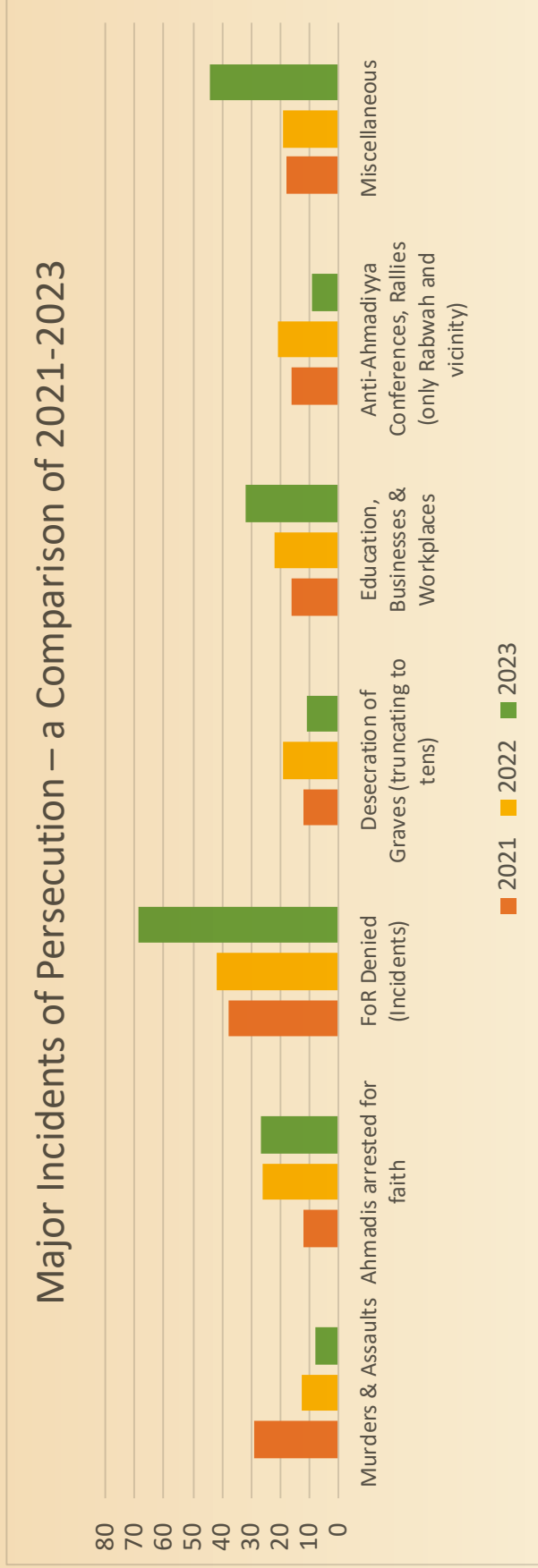
**63%** of these incidents occurred in the last three years



- Furthermore, during the Eid al-Adha festival, adversaries submitted 23 applications to law enforcement authorities regarding the sacrificial rituals (Qurbani) conducted by Ahmadis.
- The police engaged in harassment against Ahmadis at **89** different sites, resulting in the prohibition of Eid prayers at four of these locations
- In these incidents **13** Ahmadis were booked in **6** legal cases initiated by the police, leading to the arrest of **7** individuals.

## Major Incidents of Persecution – A Comparison of 2021, 2022 & 2023











There is an increase in most aspects of the persecution during 2023

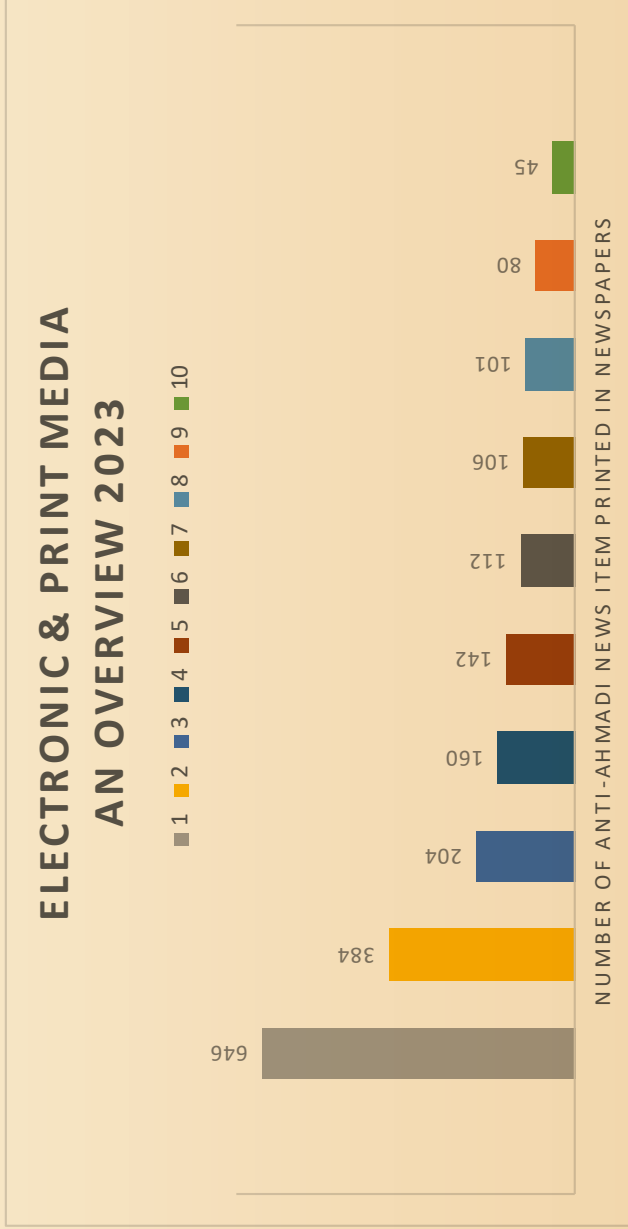


- FoR denied include incidents of the denial of worship right and to offer animal sacrifices on Eid.
- Anti-Ahmadiyya conferences, rallies only include rallies and processions in the Ahmadiyya headquarters or near by.
- Miscellaneous incidents include threats, discrimination by the legal community, civic discrimination and persecution against Ahmadi women.

## Electronic & Print Media – an overview 2022

- Our analysis covered **18** national vernacular news outlets.
- We found a disturbing total of **2,161** anti-Ahmadi items published, all of which were rife with hateful and vitriolic language.
- These items also contained unfounded accusations against Ahmadis.
- Regrettably, none of the news outlets sought to include the Ahmadiyya community’s perspective, choosing to publish one-sided narratives instead.
- Other papers include 92 News, Express, Jahane Pakistan, Ummat, Omega News, Aman, Din and Insaaf.

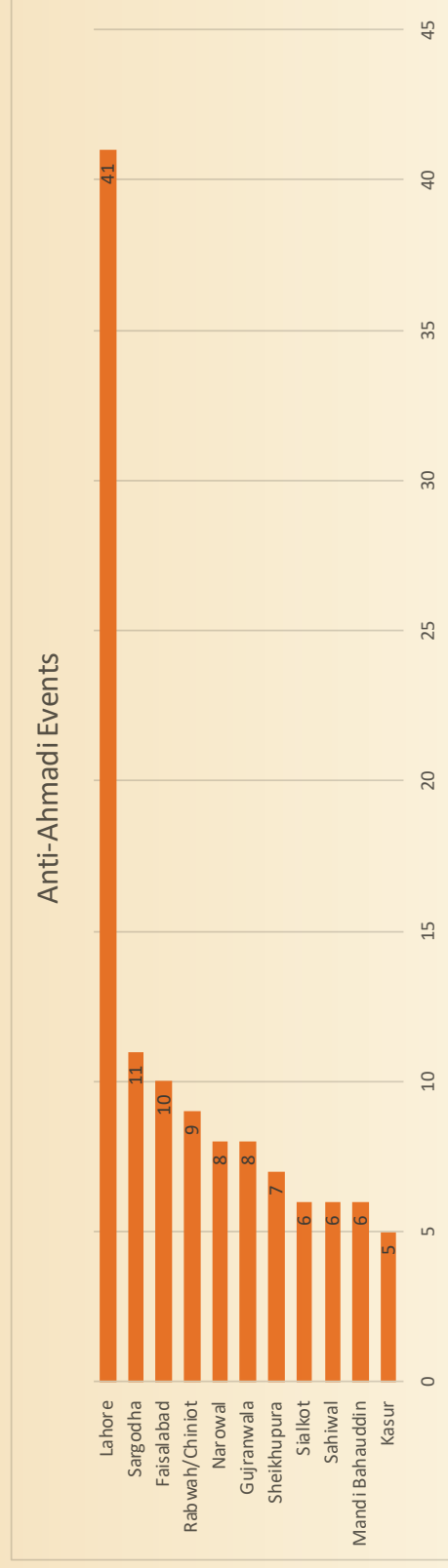
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	2. ROZNAMA MASHRIQ
	3. ROZNAMA AUSAF
	4. ROZNAMA PAKISTAN
	5. ROZNAMA NAWAE WAQT
	6. ROZNAMA JINAH
	7. ROZNAMA ABTAK
	8. ROZNAMA KHABRAIN
	9. ROZNAMA JANG
	10. ROZNAMA DUNYA



## Anti-Ahmadi Conferences, Rallies – an overview 2023

- These figures are based only on the news items published in the vernacular press from central Punjab.
- The vernacular press reported **97** major Anti-Ahmadi conferences held during the period.
- Additionally, **12** Anti-Ahmadi rallies and processions were also reported in the vernacular press.
- Of these, **9** were held in the Ahmadiyya headquarters, Rabwah, and its vicinity.
- The nearest cities to Rabwah, Sargodha and Faisalabad, reported **8** and **9** events, respectively.

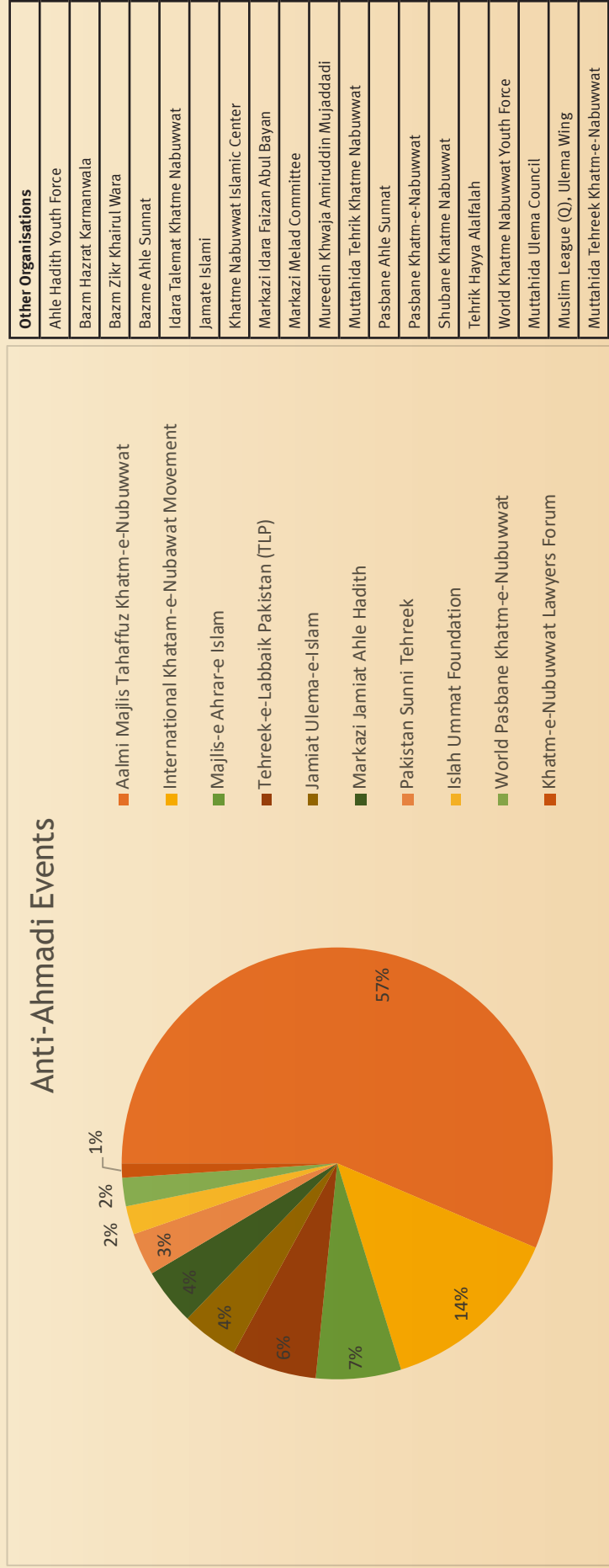
### Anti-Ahmadi events by location – cities with 5 or more events



Other cities include Jhang, Bahawalnagar, Hafizabad, Jhelum, Khushab, Multan, Nankana Sahib, Rawalpindi, Shakargarh, Kotla Sharif, Chichawatni, Daska, Farooqabad, Malakwal, Narang Mandi, Sukheki, Darogawala, Bhera, Haroonabad, Talwandi Bhindran, Kahna Nau, Mamukanjan, Pind Dadan Khan, and Ferozwala

### Anti-Ahmadi events by organisers

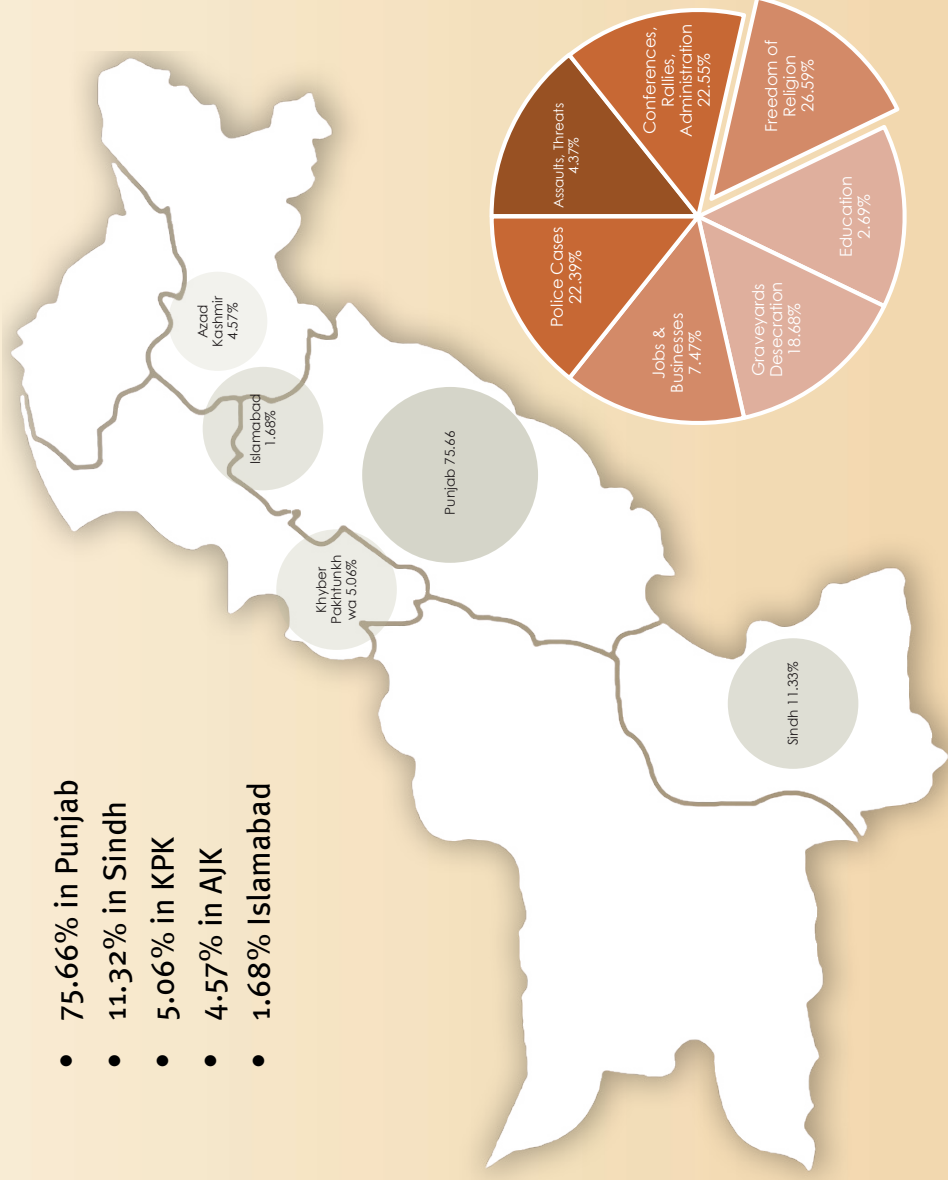
- The vernacular press reported **188** Anti-Ahmadi conferences and rallies held during 2023
- Of these, **109** were held by the organisations mentioned in the chart below.
- Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatm-e-Nabuwwat, International Khatm-e-Nabuwwat Movement, Majlis-e Ahrar-e Islam and Tehreek-e-Labbaik were at the forefront of holding such events.
- It should be noted that these figures are based on newspaper reports published in central Punjab.
- Permitting organizations to conduct events that spread hateful rhetoric against the Ahmadi community is **worrisome**.



## Concentration of Anti-Ahmadiyya Reported Incidents 2023

In approximate 413 major reported incidents of persecution, the provincial share is as follows;

- 75.66% in Punjab
- 11.32% in Sindh
- 5.06% in KPK
- 4.57% in AJK
- 1.68% Islamabad

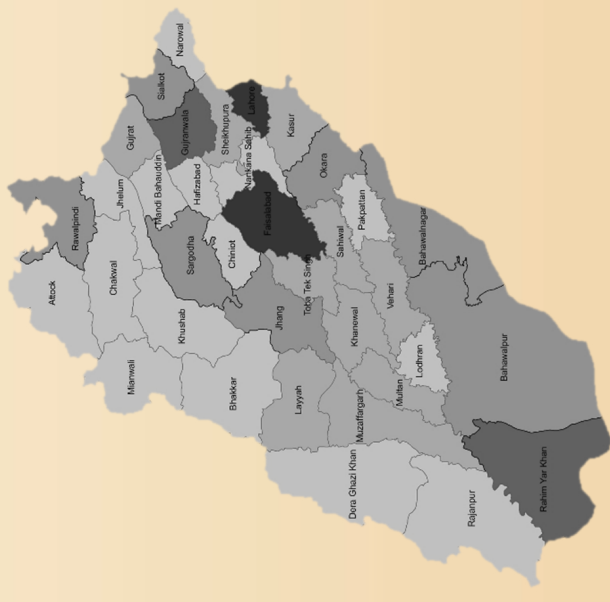


## Punjab:

In total 314 major incidents were reported from the province of Punjab. Here is an outline of the regions along with the number of incidents reported.

Among them 224 major incidents reported from 10 cities of central Punjab

Lahore	39
Faisalabad	25
Kotli, AJK	24
Sheikhupura	23
Sargodha	22
Gujranwala	21
Hafizabad	19
Okara	18
Kasur	17
Chiniot	16
Gujrat	15
Islamabad	14
Toba Tek Singh	14
Sialkot	13
Rawalpindi	12
Sanghar	11
Bahawalnagar	10
Mandi Bahauddin	10
Nankana Sahib	9
Khushab	7
Peshawar	6
Larkana	5
Narowal	4
Vehari	4
Bahawalpur	3
Jhang	3
Jhelum	3
Muzaffargarh	2
Bahawalnagar	1
Bhakkar	1
Multan	1
Rajapur	1
Wazirabad	1



# ANNEX I

## Particulars of Police Cases Registered on Religious Grounds against Ahmadis during 2023

S.No.	Number	Names of Accused	Police Station	FIR No.	Date	Penal Code	Remarks
1.	1	Mr. Tasleem Ahmad Arif	Kotli, AJK	51	10.02.2023	APC-504, 298-C	Arrested and bailed
2.	2	Malik Luqman and other unnamed	Industrial State Phase 2, District Gujrat	28	25.02.2023	149, 147, 295	
3.	3-7	Mr. Asad Imran, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Zakria, Mr. Abdul Hai and Mr. Nasir Ahmad	Sanda, Lahore	1291	17.04.2023	298-C, 506, 109	
4.	8-10	Mr. Bilal Ahmad, Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan, Mr. Muhammad Ahmad	Miani, District Sargodha	204	17.04.2023	298-C, 109, 506	
5.	11	Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq	City Courts, Karachi	54	27.04.2023	298-B	Arrested and bailed after spending almost 7 months in prison.
6.	12-14	Mr. Zubair Ahmad, Mr. Tahir Ahmad and Mr. Mubashar Ahmad	Sadar	479	07.05.2023	341, 34, 298, 337V, 506	
7.	15-16	Mr. Muhammad Anwar and Mr. Zafarullah	Rajapur City	438	12.05.2023	216	Arrested and bailed
8.	17-29	Mr. Hanif Ahmad (Local President), Mr. Nasrullah, Mr. Amjad Farooq, Mr. Khalid Mehmood, Mr. Arif Rafiq, Mr. Humayun Rafiq, Mr. Rasheed Ahmad, Mr. Javed Ahmad, Mr. Tariq Ahmad, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, Mr. Rafiq Ahmad, Mr. Aslam Ahmad and Mr. Ashraf Ahmad	Buchiana, Faisalabad	204	19.05.2023	298-B	
9.	30-41	Mr. Waqas Ahmad, Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, Mr. Maqsood Ahmad, Mr. Ansar Shahzad, Mr. Amar Ahmad, Mr. Daud Ahmad, Mr. Muhammad Irfan, Mr. Yasir Ahmad, Mr. Liaqat Ali, Mr. Faryad Ahmad and Mr. Shahzad Ahmad	Phool Nagar, District Kasur	588	4.06.2023	324, 149, 148	Seven Arrested And bailed later
10.	42	Mr. Mubarik Ahmad	Kotli City, AJK	260	23.06.2023	298, 298-C, 489-P	His two sons and a servant were detained, then let go.
11.	43-45	Mr. Rafique Ahmad, Mr. Azam Ali Kalu and Mr. Nabeel Ahmad	Shah Kot, District Nankana Sahib	462	29.06.2023	298-C	
12.	46	Mr. Mahmood Ahmad	Thekriwala, District Faisalabad	1121	29.06.2023	Arms Act's Sec 13-15-2	



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13.	47-48	Mr. Aftab Talib and Mr. Javaid Ahmad	Gojra Sadar, District Toba Tek Singh	508	30.06.2023	298-C	Arrested and bailed later
14.	49-50	Mr. Asad Ijaz and Mr. Ahmad Shiraz	Gojra Sadar, District Toba Tek Singh	509	30.06.2023	298-C	Arrested and bailed later
15.	51	Mr. Tanvir Ahmad	Roshanwala, District Faisalabad	571	01.07.2023	298-C	
16.	52-54	Mr. Ghazanfar Ali, Mr. Zubair and Mr. Dawood	Badami Bagh, Lahore	1454	01.07.2023	298, 298-C	Arrested and bailed later
17.	55-56	Mr. Babar Arshad and Mr. Nishat Ahmad	Qila Kalawala, District Sialkot	327	03.07.2023	295-A	
18.	57-58	Mr. Azhar Iqbal and Mr. Mazhar Iqbal	Sangoro, Sanghar	78	04.07.2023	295-A, 298-C, 298-B (i)(D)	
19.	59-66	Mr. Muhammad Mubashar, Mr. Musharrif Ahmad, Mr. Wajahat Ahmad Qamar, Mr. Shafeeq Adil, Mr. Nasir Ahmad, Mr. Mudassar Ahmad, Mr. Shiraz Ahmad and Mr. Umar Ahmad Bajwa	Badami Bagh, Lahore	1783	01.08.2023	298-C	6 Arrested and bailed later
20.	67	Mr. Shafiq Ahmad	Bhulair, District Kasur	---	04.8.2023	107/151	Arrested and bailed later
21.	68-71	Mr. Basharat Ahmad, Mr. Ayaz Nasir and two unnamed	Renala Khurd City, District Okara	711	06.08.2023	298-C	Arrested and bailed later
22.	72-109	Mr. Mian Muhammad, Mr. Karimuddin, Mr. Najeeb Ahmad, Mr. Rashid Mahmud, Mr. Inamul Haq, Mr. Qureshi Abdul Waheed, Mr. Tauqir Nawaz, Mr. Waqar Ahmad and 30 unnamed	Civil lines, District Mandi Bahauddin	1436	27.09.2023	298-B, 298-C	
23.	110	Mr. Sadiq Shah Shirazi (local president Mong)	Mandi Bahauddin Sadar	504	27.09.2023	298-B	Arrested and bailed later
24.	111-133	Mr. Ghulam Ahmad, Raja Nadeem Sarwar, Raja Khurram, Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, Mr. Mubashir Ahmad, Mr. Khushnood Ahmad, Mr. Ahmad Khan, Mr. Tanveer Ahmad and 15 unknown.	Malakwal, District Mandi Bahauddin	782	28.09.2023	298-B	

## Arrests made this year on the basis of previously registered cases

1.	Mr. Mubashar Ahmad, Mr. Cheragh Din, Mr. Naeem Ahmad, Mr. Ghulam Hussain and three non-Ahmadi friends	Nagar Parkar, District Tharparkar, Sindh	59	27.12.2022	337 (iv), 337A (i), 334, 337F(i), 337L (ii), 147, 148, 149, 504	Mubashar Ahmad was arrested this year and was released on bail.
2.	Syed Khalid Ahmad Shah, Malik Khalid Masood, Mirza Fazal Ahmad, Mr. Saleemuddin, Principal Madrassa tul Hifz, Principal Ayesha Academy, Printer, Publisher, Author, Composer, Proof Reader, Assistants and unknown persons	Chenab Nagar, District Chintiot	661	06.12.2022	295-B, 298-C, A-(1) 9 Punjab Quran Act	Principal Madrassa tul Hifz was arrested this year, and was still behind bars in Year 2023 however, he was released on bail vide Supreme Court Order dated 06.02.2024 while he safely reached home dated 13.02.2024. The others accused have been declared proclaimed offenders.

### Penalties for PPCs:

511 — one-half of the longest term of imprisonment provided for the offence and fine; 506 — two years' imprisonment and fine; 504 — two years' imprisonment and fine; 427 — two years' imprisonment; 379 — three years' imprisonment and fine; 363 — seven years' imprisonment and fine; 354 — two years' imprisonment and fine; 352 — three months' imprisonment and fine; 324 — seven years' imprisonment; 337-L (2) — two years' imprisonment and fine; 337 H-2 — three months' imprisonment and fine; 337-F (i) — one year's imprisonment; 337-A(i) — two years' imprisonment; 337 (iv) — ten years' imprisonment; 334 — ten years' imprisonment; 298—one year imprisonment 298-B,C — three years' imprisonment; 295—two years imprisonment; 295-C — death; 295-B — imprisonment for life; 295-A — ten years' imprisonment; 149 — penalty as in main offence; 148 — three years' imprisonment and fine; 147 — two years' imprisonment and fine; 109 — punishment provided for the offence; 34 — penalty as in main offence; 489—ten years' imprisonment.216— seven years' imprisonment. 337V—ten years' imprisonment. 341—one month's imprisonment.

## Updated Statistics of the Police Cases

### Registered against Ahmadis on religious grounds, in Pakistan

(From April 1984 to Dec 31, 2023)

NO.	Description of cases	Total number of cases
1	Number of Ahmadis booked for displaying Kalima, i.e. "There is none worthy of worship except Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah"	769
2	Number of Ahmadis booked for calling Azan, call to prayers	52
3	Number of Ahmadis booked for 'posing' as Muslims	636
4	Number of Ahmadis booked for using Islamic epithets	256
5	Number of Ahmadis booked for offering prayers	93
6	Number of Ahmadis booked for preaching, etc.	952
7	Number of Ahmadis booked for celebrating Ahmadiyya Centenary in 1989	27
8	Number of Ahmadis booked for celebrating 100 years' anniversary of the eclipses of sun & moon that occurred in 1894 as a sign for the Promised Mahdi, i.e. Founder of the Ahmadiyya Community	50
9	Number of Ahmadis booked for distributing a pamphlet 'Ek Harf-e-Nasihana' i.e. 'A Word of Advice' commenting upon anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX	27
10	Number of Ahmadis booked for distributing "Mubahala" pamphlet, i.e. A challenge to the opponents for prayer duel	148
11	Number of Ahmadis booked for allegedly defiling the Holy Quran	85
12	Number of Ahmadis charged under the "Blasphemy Law", i.e. PPC 295-C	322
13	Number of named Ahmadis booked in other cases on religious grounds	1442
14	Former Supreme Head of the Community while living in London was charged in his absence in sixteen cases.	16
15	Present Supreme Head of the Community while living in London charged in cases:	2
16	The entire population of Rabwah i.e. Ahmadiyya headquarters in Pakistan was charged under section PPC 298-C on 15-12-1989, and again on June 8, 2008. (Population of Rabwah was approximately sixty thousand.)	
17	A case against the entire Ahmadi population of Ahmadis in Kotli, was registered for taking up repairs and improvement in their mosque in 2008	

## Statistics of other Human Rights violations

(From 1984 to December 31, 2023, except where mentioned otherwise)

• Number of Ahmadis killed	277
• Number of Ahmadis target-killed this year	1
• Ahmadis assaulted for their faith	478
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places demolished	73
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places sealed by the authorities	46
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places set on fire or damaged	50
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places forcibly occupied	18
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places, construction of which was barred by the authorities	62
• Ahmadis' bodies exhumed after burial	40
• Burial of Ahmadis was denied in common cemetery	83
• Ahmadis' graves desecrated and damaged this year	100
• Number of incidents of Kalima removal from Ahmadis' houses and shops	56
number of incidents of Kalima removal from Ahmadis' worship places	116

**The Government of Punjab has banned the entire written works of the founder of Ahmadiyyat as also the publishing of the Qur'an and its translations by Ahmadis.**

*All open air rallies and conferences of Ahmadis in Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya headquarters town in Pakistan, have been under a ban since April 1984 after the promulgation of anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance. Even sports events organized at the community level have been prohibited by the authorities.*

## Laws specific to Ahmadis and the blasphemy laws

### Anti-Ahmadi laws

- I. PPC 298-B. Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles, etc; reserved for certain holy person-ages or places. (1) Any person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves 'Ahmadis' or by any other name) who by words, either spoken or written or by visible representation:
  - a. refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a Caliph or companion of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as 'Ameerul Mumineen' 'Khalifa-tul-Mumineen', Khali-fa'tul'Muslimeen', 'Sahaabi' or Razi Allah Anho
  - b. refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a wife of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as 'Ummul Mumineen'
  - c. refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a member of the family (Ahle-bait) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), as Ahle-bait; or
  - d. refers to, or names, or calls, his place of worship as 'Masjid': shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.
  - e. Any person of the Qadiani group or Lahori group (who call themselves Ahmadis or by any other name) who by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representation, refers to the mode or form of call to prayers followed by his faith as 'Azan' or recites Azan as used by the Muslims, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, and shall also be liable to fine.
- ii. PPC 298-C. Person of Qadiani group etc, calling himself a Muslim or preaching or propagating his faith. Any person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves 'Ahmadis' or by any other name), who, directly or indirectly, poses himself as Muslim, or calls, or refers to, his faith as Islam, or preaches or propagates his faith, or invites others to accept his faith, by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representations, or in any manner whatsoever outrages the religious feelings of Muslims, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.

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### The blasphemy laws (category PPC 295)

PPC	Description	Penalty
295	Injuring or defiling places of worship, with intent to insult the religion of any class	Up to two years' imprisonment or with fine or with both
295-A	Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs	Up to ten years' imprisonment, or with fine, or with both
295-B	Defiling, etc. of Holy Quran	Imprisonment for life
295-C	Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet	Death and fine

## ANNEX III

### Attacks on Ahmadiyya Mosques/Worship — 2023

(Damaged, demolished, worship denied, sealed, inscriptions removed, etc.)

S.No.	Place	Date	Damage	Undertaken by	Remarks
1.	Wazirabad, District Gujranwala	10.01.2023	Minarets demolished	Punjab police	A local leader of TLP, Irfan Ilyas Butt had filed a complaint before AC Wazirabad.
2.	Martin Road, Karachi	18.01.2023	Two minarets demolished	Extremists	Over a dozen extremists climbed up the roof, and fled after demolishing the minarets.
3.	Chak 297 GB, Toba Tek Singh	02.2023	Graffiti	Extremists	Unidentified goons graffitied “Kutta Kutta” (dog, dog) on the Ahmadiyya mosque and an Ahmadi-owned house.
4.	Bahuman, District Sheikhpura	01.02.2023	Mosque taken down	Extremists	Rai Nasir, a former Ahmadi, was forced to renounce Ahmadiyyat. TLP activists demolished the mosque at his farmhouse, with his permission. The mosque was frequented by Ahmadis.
5.	Ahmadiyya Hall, Karachi	02.02.2023	Minarets demolished	Extremists	Some extremists climbed up and demolished the minarets while the police watched.
6.	Noor Nagar, district Umar Kot, Sindh	03.02.2023	Arson	Extremists	Some miscreants climbed the boundary wall, entered the mosque, poured petrol, and set the interior on fire.
7.	Goth Ghazi Khan Murrani, District Mirpur Khas, Sindh	03.02.2023	Arson	Extremists	Unidentified assailants attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque in Goth Chaudhry Javed Ahmad, demolished its minarets and committed arson.
8.	Satellite Town, Mirpur Khas, Sindh	04.02.2023	Firing	Extremists	Someone opened fire at the Ahmadiyya prayer center in Satellite Town, while Ahmadis were present in the building. The bullets hit the main door and the wall.
9.	Kasur, Punjab	18.02.2023	Worship denied	Extremists	A violent mob obstructed Ahmadis from gathering and offering Friday prayer. They even detained and interrogated them unlawfully.
10.	Kalra Kalan, District Gujrat	24.03.2023 25.03.2023	Minarets and dome demolished	Police	The DSP and SHO came with a contingent, demolished the minarets and dome. Confiscated the phones of those present. Came back the next day to finish the job.
11.	Rajgarh, Samanabad, Lahore	15.04.2023	Hit the gate Sealed the center	Extremists Police	A violent mob besieged the local Ahmadiyya prayer center. They hit the gate with rods, then staged a sit-in in front of the center. The police booked four Ahmadis later under PPC 298-C.
12.	Ghogiat, District Sargodha	16.04.2023	Minarets and niche demolished	Extremists	Khalilur Rahman, an opponent, filed a complaint and later that day a mob attacked the mosques while the police watched silently. The next day, police registered a case against three Ahmadis under PPCs 298-C, 506, and 109.
13.	Darul Zikar, Garhi Shahu, Lahore	16.04.2023	Graffiti on boundary wall	Extremists	Some extremists graffitied “Mirzais and Qadianis are infidels and apostates—countless curses be upon them” (translation), on the boundary wall of the Ahmadiyya Darul Zikar.

14.	Shahab Pura, Sialkot	29.04.23	Adjacent construction, demolished	Authorities	Ahmadis here needed an additional room and a bathroom to the resident Imam's quarter in their mosque complex. The authorities, arrived on the spot, and sealed the worship place. A few days later, they dismantled the new construction.
15.	Dholan Abad, Mirpur Khas	04.05.2023	Minarets demolished, Niche damaged, Arson	Extremists	A mob of approximately 150 people forcibly entered the premises by placing a ladder against the building. They proceeded to bring down the mosque's four minarets and attempted to damage the niche. Committed arson
16.	Chak No. 24, District Sanghar	08.07.2023	Sealed	Police	An Ahmadi undertook the renovation of his residence and the mosque within. Mulla gathered into a mob objected to the minarets and niche. The police sealed and registered a case against two brothers under sections 295-A, 298-C, and 298-B(1)(D).
17.	Kala Gujran, Jhelum, Punjab	14.07.2023	Minarets demolished	Police	Asim Ahfaq Rizvi of TLP threatened DPO to demolish the minarets of the mosque within 20 days.
18.	Drigh Road, Karachi	24.07.2023	Minarets destroyed Hateful graffiti	Extremists	A dozen persons damaged the minarets.
19.	Sanghar City, Sindh	05.08.2023	Defiled niche	Extremists	Unidentified extremists arrived at about midday, and using hammers inflicted damage on the worship place.
20.	168 Murad, District Bahawalnagar	06.08.2023	Minarets demolished	Extremists	This happened as a result of a campaign against Ahmadis and frequent announcements of mob attack to destroy the minarets, Ahmadis had informed the authorities.
21.	Chak Nr. E.R 373, District Vehari	08.08.2023	Minarets demolished	Police	Earlier, the opponents demanded the demolition of the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque. The minarets were covered on the orders of the police. The police sent for Ahmadiyya delegation and sent them back after discussion. Before Ahmadis could reach their village, the police arrived, destroyed the minarets and took the debris with them.
22.	Bhera, District Sargodha	12.08.2023	Pious inscriptions removed	Police	Mulla complained to the renovation of the adjacent building. The AC, DSP, SHO, and CEO visited the Ahmadiyya mosque and ordered the committee workers to remove the inscriptions of "Al Hukmulillah" and "La Ghaliba Illallah".
23.	Chak Nr. 543 E.B, District Vehari	14.08.2023	Minarets demolished	Police	Earlier TLP activists filed a complaint, Ahmadis covered minarets on police orders. One police officer and two laborers arrived late night and destroyed the minarets with the help of a cutter. Later in the morning, they removed remains of the minarets.
24.	Kasur, Punjab	18.08.2023	Worship denied	Police	Security officials came over when the Friday prayer was in progress. They stated that they had orders to close the mosque and the worshippers should leave. A week earlier, the extremists had painted anti-Ahmadiyya hateful graffiti at 7 locations in the neighborhood.
25.	Sambriyal, District Sialkot	18.08.2023	Niche demolished	Police, Municipal Committee	On 14 August, Independence Day, a few mulla called on the AC and threatened that if the authorities failed, they will demolish the niche. On, the night of August 18, a dozen officials blocked the street from both sides and started breaking the niche. The municipal employees took the debris with them.
26.	Shadiwal, District Gujrat	29.08.2023	Inscriptions blackened	Police	A TLP activist filed an application against Kalima, and demanded its erasure. The police and special branch officials came and said that the TLP had given an ultimatum for August 30. They called a labourer and got the Kalima and other writings blackened

27.	Chooknawali, District Gujrat	29.08.2023	Inscriptions blackened	Police	The police came to the mosque, painted the Kalima black, and took pictures.
28.	Sheikhupura	30.08.2023	Minarets destroyed	Security personnel	On the demand of TLP, the security personnel came over at 11 p.m., switched off the electric supply to the entire neighborhood, as well as the security cameras, and using a cutter destroyed the minarets of the worship place.
29.	Shadiwal, District Gujrat	02.09.2023	Inscriptions destroyed	Police	The police destroyed the inscriptions from the Ahmadiyya mosque, which were blackened earlier by them in August.
30.	79 Nawan Kot, District Sheikhupura	01.09.2023	Minarets partially destroyed Steel ornaments removed	Police	Police defiled minarets subsequent of a TLP rally and ultimatum.
31.	Ahmadiyya Hall, Karachi	04.09.2023	Minarets demolished	Extremists	A mob stormed the building. Armed with hammers, four men climbed to the top of the structure and destroyed the minarets. This was the second attack on the mosque this year, the first one took place on February 2.
32.	Shahdara Town, Lahore	09.09.2023	Niche destroyed	Police Extremists	A group of clerics, accompanied by policemen, came along and demanded demolition of the niche. It was agreed to build a wall around the niche. The mulla relented, and the police destroyed the niche with the help of some laborers.
33.	Chak Number 183 Murad, District Bahawalpur	13.09.2023	Minarets demolished	Police Extremists	TLP activist had filed a complaint. Four policemen entered the premises, switched off the lights and security cameras and closed the roads for any traffic. Meanwhile, two miscreants climbed to the roof and demolished the minarets in the presence of the police.
34.	Darul Zikar in Narang Mandi, District Sheikhupura	14.09.2023	Minaret partially destroyed	Extremists	The TLP activists defiled the minaret in the presence of the police. Meanwhile, after conversation with the police, Ahmadis covered the minarets with a sheet. Earlier the opponents had filed a complaint against these minarets.
35.	168 Murad, District Bahawalnagar	15.09.2023	Minarets demolished	TMA (Tehsil Municipal Authority) Police	On the night between 15 and 16 September 2023, TMA employees in civilian clothes demolished the minaret under the supervision of the police.
36.	Martin Road, Karachi	21.09.2023	Windows smashed, doors, lights, tables, and chairs damaged. Pictures of the holy personages of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community vandalized. Documents Stolen	Extremists	Around 15-20 assailants arrived and one of them entered the mosque while using a ladder and opened the main gate. This was the second attack on the same mosque this year; the earlier took place on January 18.
37.	Kirto, District Sheikhupura	23.09.2023	Minarets demolished	Police	Despite the protest and written request by local non-Ahmadis, the police, under the pressure of the TLP activists, destroyed the upper portions of the minarets with sledgehammers and told the Ahmadis to cover the rest.
38.	Nanu Dogar, District Lahore	23.09.2023	Minaret demolished	Extremists Police	The SHO, along with the opponents, entered the mosque by breaking the lock and destroyed the minaret.
39.	Baidadpur Virkan, District Sheikhupura	24.09.2023	Minarets demolished	Police	The police destroyed the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque, in the backdrop of the TLP's warning.



40.	Duliyar Jattan, Kotli, AJK	24.11.2023	Minarets demolished Niche damaged	Extremists	Earlier, the opponents took out a procession and filed a petition demanding the removal of minarets, niche, and Quranic verses from the mosque. About 50 extremists attacked the mosque and fled the scene.
41.	Kalsian Bhattian, District Sheikhpura	25.09.2023	Minarets razed down	Police	On behest of TLP activists, the police cut the upper portion of the minarets.
42.	55/2L, District Okara	27.09.2023	Niche demolished CCTV cameras broke	Extremists	On September 27, extremist elements tried to break the niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque. Two days later, the opponents broke the remaining part of the niche, and broke the CCTV cameras.
43.	Mahmud Abad, District Jhelum	29.09.2023	Niche demolished	Extremists	Around 20 religious extremists led by mulla came over to the Ahmadiyya mosque and demolished the niche.
44.	Khakhi, District Multan	9.12.23	Kalima removed	Police	SHO Police Station Sadar Shujaabad came over and told Ahmadis to tear down the niche and efface the Kalima written on their mosque. On December 9, 2023, a police contingent erased the Kalima.
45.	Samundri, District Faisalabad,	21.12.23	Minarets demolished	District administration Police	District administration and the police jointly destroyed the minarets of the local Ahmadiyya mosque at about midnight.

## ANNEX IV

### Letter from Home Department, Punjab to DPOs to re-strain Ahmadis from Qurbani

**IMMEDIATE**



No.SO(IS-III)6-35/2023  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
HOME DEPARTMENT**

Dated Lahore the, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023

To,

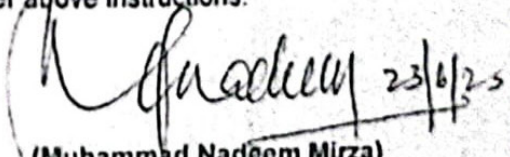
All Deputy Commissioners,  
Punjab.

Subject: **INSTRUCTIONS FOR EID PRAYER GATHERINGS**

In continuation to this Department's letter No.SO(IS-III)6-35/2022, dated 09.07.2022, on the subject captioned above and following decisions taken by Standing Committee of the Cabinet on Law & Order held on 06.07.2022:-

- a) Three-tier security to be provided at Eid congregations at 710 locations (Category-A) as determined by the Special Branch.
- b) Security at Category-B at 2709 and Category-C at 30,105 locations shall be provided as per standard operating procedure.
- c) Only Muslims shall be allowed to perform Qurbani in accordance with Islamic rites.

2. Please ensure the security of the above mentioned Eid congregations in consultation with LEAs as per above instructions.

  
(Muhammad Nadeem Mirza)  
SECTION OFFICER  
(INTERNAL SECURITY-III)

**CC:-**

1. The Provincial Police Officer / IGP, Punjab.
2. The Additional Inspector General (CTD), Punjab, Lahore.
3. The Additional Inspector General (Special Branch), Punjab, Lahore.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners, Punjab.
5. PS to ACS (Home), Punjab, Lahore.

# ANNEX V

## District Police Officer (DPO) Hafizabad Punjab's circular to police officials in his district to ensure that Ahmadis are prohibited from sacrificing animals, and obtain written submissions from Ahmadis

### ENGLISH TRANSLATION:

#### From:

District Police Officer, Hafizabad

#### To:

SDPOs/DSP, of this Distt+ All the SHOs of this Distt.

**Number:** 2345/SB Dated: 24-06-23

#### Heading:

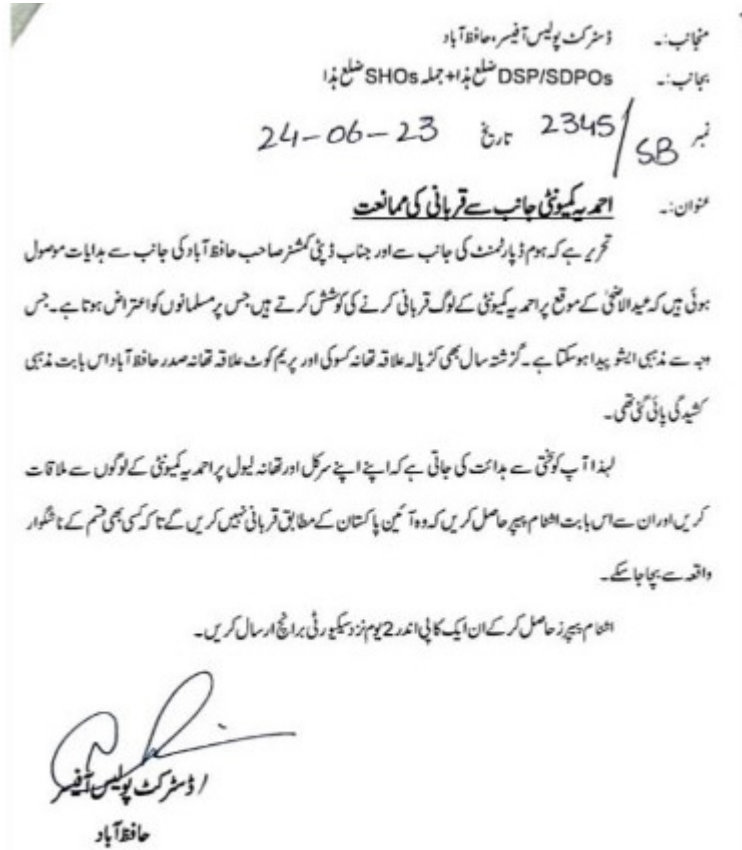
### Prohibition of Sacrifice by the Ahmadiyya Community.

It is conveyed that instructions have been received from the Home Department and Deputy Commissioner Hafizabad that members of the Ahmadiyya community sacrifice animals on the occasion of Eid al-Adha, which can raise objections among Muslims. This could lead to religious tensions. Last year, there was a religious conflict in the Karyala area police station, Kusukhi, and the Sadr Hafizabad police station, Prem Kot, regarding this matter.

Therefore, you are strongly instructed to meet the people of the Ahmadiyya community in your respective circles and police station levels and obtain written statements from them confirming that they will not perform sacrificial rituals in accordance with the Constitution of Pakistan, so that any unpleasant incidents can be prevented. After obtaining the written statements, send a copy to the Security Branch within two days.

(Signed)

District Police Officer,  
Hafizabad



## ANNEX VI

### Order sheet of Mr. Justice Omar Sial

#### ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

Cr. Bail Application No.937 of 2023

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES
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1. For orders on MA No. 5389/2023
2. For hearing of bail application

**16.05.2023:**

M/s. Manzoor Ahmed Rajput and Ghulam Akbar Jatoi,  
Advocates for the Complainant

Associate of Mr. Salahuddin Ahmed Advocate for the  
Applicant

Mr. Abrar Ali Khichi, APG

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**Omar Sial, J.:** I have had to adjourn all bail cases today because of grave apprehension of a law and order situation developing within the court premises in connection with a post arrest bail application, pending adjudication.

2. In the previous hearing of this case, extremely unprofessional, in fact, despicably aggressive behaviour was resorted to by some advocates. The Sind Bar Council, Sindh High Court Bar Association, Karachi Bar Association and Malir Bar Association, in particular, should take immediate action to address the unacceptable behaviour of some of its members. Their behaviour was a slap on and a disgrace to the prestigious profession of law. It is shameful that such persons are permitted to even use the word "advocate" with their names. Their conduct was a black mark on the pride, dignity and reputation of the entire legal fraternity. This Court showed immense judicial restraint in face of clear contemptuous and threatening words and acts. Restraint was also shown in the face of the hostility this Court was

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subjected to by some advocates. Restraint was shown so that the professional lawyers, court staff and court property could remain protected. The belligerence shown by some advocates, however, will not prevent this court from deciding the cause before it on its merits, as indeed it does each case before it. I am well aware of, and intend to faithfully follow my oath of deciding without fear or favour.

3. Let a copy of this order be sent to the Sind Bar Council, SHCBA, KBA and MBA so these entities can play their respective parts in weeding out the black sheep amongst them. The belligerence and unprofessional behaviour was on part of the advocates registered with these bars, and not the litigant who was in court. Not only an attempt was made to intimidate the court and interfere in the smooth administration of justice, but a lawyer, identified as Akbar Jatoi was physically abusive towards Mr. Salman Mirza, one of the learned counsels for the applicant. Mr. Salahuddin Ahmed, another learned counsel for the applicant, was intimidated, abused and threatened. This was simply unacceptable behaviour and conduct and must necessarily be condemned by the Bar Associations and Councils. The regulatory body of advocates should very seriously look into it this and take action to maintain the glory of the profession. Whether or not the learned counsel who was assaulted in court files a criminal action or not is a decision that is best left to learned counsel to make. CCTV footage of the court premises will no doubt show the outrageous and unacceptable behavior of the offending advocates. The offending advocates appeared ignorant that Rule 134 of the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Rules, 1976 stipulates that, "It is the duty of every advocate to uphold at all times the dignity and high standing of his profession, as well as his own dignity and high standing as a member thereof".

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4. Courts of law are places where once one enters one should feel free to express his grievance and to demand that he or she be dealt with in accordance with law. Article 25 of the Constitution, that everyone is entitled to equal treatment of law, must not be lost sight of. Neither should the rights of a fair trial contained in Article 10-A be ignored. Quite ironically, some of the very advocates who created trouble in court, quite hypocritically, pose as champions of the right of fair trial and human rights when it comes to their own cases. Advocates should be the last people on earth to prevent a litigant from achieving this right.

5. Let this file be placed before the Honourable Chief Justice with the request that the Registrar be directed to put appropriate security measures in place on each date of hearing in this case. Only the parties and their counsel should be allowed in Court so that this Court can ensure that a fair trial is given to the accused. The security requested is not for the judge but to ensure that the respect and dignity of the courts of law is not attacked by some unscrupulous hooligans in the garb of advocates.

6. Re-list this case on Monday 22.05.2023 at 9:00 a.m. Only parties, counsels restricted to 2 a side will be allowed in the Court room. Members of the press will also be allowed so that a transparent hearing takes place. Office to send a copy of this order to counsels for both parties and the learned Prosecutor General. The learned Prosecutor General should either appear himself in this case or assign it to a seasoned and experienced prosecutor.

  
16/5/23  
JUDGE

**ANNEX VII****A notification by Higher Education Commission on teaching of The Holy Quran in Pakistani universities**

ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن

**HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Sector H-9, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad www.hec.gov.pk

Engr. Muhammad Raza Chohan  
Advisor  
(Academics, Curriculum & NAHE)

No. HEC/CURR/SR-533/2023/ 4520  
March 27, 2023

**SUBJECT: TEACHING OF HOLY QURAN IN PAKISTANI UNIVERSITIES**

The teaching of Holy Quran in universities is fundamental in providing Muslim youth with a deeper understanding of their faith as well as in preservation and observance of Islamic values of morality, ethics and social justice. In view of its importance and in line of the Senate Resolution No. 533 passed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 (enclosed), all the Pakistani universities/Degree Awarding Institutes (DAIs) are advised to incorporate a course on Holy Quran with translation, tajweed and tafseer for Muslim students as a mandatory degree award requirement for all undergraduate degree programs with effect from Fall 2023 without making it part of the examinations or provision of additional marks. The course shall be non-credited.

A comprehensive compliance report with detailed delivery mechanism and protocols thereof duly approved by the concerned statutory body of the university/DAI in response to this advisory must be furnished to this office latest by **30 June 2023**.

(Engr. Muhammad Raza Chohan)

**All Vice Chancellors/Rectors/Heads**

Public and Private Universities/Degree Awarding Institutes (DAIs)

*Copy for information to:*

- i. Secretary to the President/Chancellor, Azad Jammu & Kashmir
- ii. Secretary to the Governor/Chancellor, Balochistan
- iii. Secretary to the Governor/Chancellor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- iv. Secretary to the Governor/Chancellor, Punjab
- v. Secretary to the Governor/Chancellor, Sindh
- vi. Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Islamabad
- vii. Secretary, Higher Education Department (HED), Government of Balochistan, Quetta
- viii. Secretary, Higher Education Department (HED), Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar
- ix. Secretary, Higher Education Department (HED), Government of Punjab, Lahore
- x. Secretary, School Education and Literary Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi
- xi. Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xii. Executive Director, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xiii. Additional Secretary (Legis), Senate Secretariat, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xiv. Advisor (Coordination), Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xv. Advisor (Academics, Curriculum and NAHE), Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xvi. Director General, Research & Innovation Division, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xvii. Director General, Quality Assurance Division, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xviii. Director General, Higher Education Data Repository, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xix. Director General, Attestation & Accreditation Division, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xx. Director, Academics Division, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xxi. Director, Curriculum Division, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad
- xxii. All the Regional Centers of Higher Education Commission in Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta (with a request to coordinate and monitor compliance at provincial level)

## ANNEX VIII

### A protest poster against a competent Ahmadi government servant


(translation is provided in the main text)



## ANNEX IX

## A letter to authorities from AMTKN against an Ah-madi government servant

(Translation is provided in the main text)



ملتان  
پاکستان

عالمی مجلس تحفظ ختم نبوت

**Aalami Majlise Tahaffuze Khatme Nubuwwat**  
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بسم اللہ الرحمن الرحیم

بخدمت عالی جناب..... صاحب  
السلام علیکم ورحمۃ اللہ وبرکاتہ  
مزاج گرامی!

وقاص اہسن تھو کہ معروف جنونی قسم کا سکہ بند قادیانی ہے۔ آئینی طور پر قادیانی غیر مسلم ہیں۔ خود کو مسلمان ظاہر کرتا ہے اور قانون پاکستان کی مخالفت کرنا اپنا وطیرہ بنا رکھا ہے۔ سینئر سپرنٹنڈنٹ آف پولیس، سیکشن 7 پر ویکشن یونٹ لاہور کے عہدہ پر فائز ہے۔ اس کو ڈائریکٹر جنرل اینٹی کرپشن اٹھیلشمنٹ پنجاب کے سپرد کیا گیا ہے کہ وہ اس کو کسی منصب پر فائز کریں۔ ان حالات میں اس امر کا خدشہ بدیہی طور پر پایا جاتا ہے کہ اسے ترقی دینے کا منصوبہ تو نہیں بن رہا۔

ان حالات میں آپ سے استدعا ہے کہ یہ شخص اپنی ملازمت اور عہدہ کی بجائے اپنے قادیانی عقیدہ کا وقادار ہے۔ قادیانیوں کو ترقی دینا سلازتیں دلوانا، قادیانیوں کی بھرتیاں کرانے کے لیے ہمیشہ یہ سماجی رہتا ہے۔ جیسا کہ اس کے متعلق شہرہ ہے اس پر نظر رکھی جائے۔ قانون جمن تحصب اور جنونی قادیانی ہونے کے باعث اس کو کسی قسم کی ترقی نہ دی جائے۔ اسلامی مملکت پاکستان کے مفادات کا تقاضا ہے کہ اس کو قانون کا پابند بنایا جائے۔ میرا فرض بننا تھا کہ اس کے متعلق جو عام تاثر زبان زد عوام و خواص ہے اس سے آپ کو باخبر کروں۔ حق تعالیٰ ہمارے ملک عزیز کو ترقی و حفاظت سے سرفراز فرمائیں۔

العارض

(مولانا) عزیز الرحمن ثانی

سیکرٹری اطلاعات، عالمی مجلس تحفظ ختم نبوت پاکستان

(کاپی برائے)

بخدمت حضرت مولانا فضل الرحمن صاحب، صدر پی ڈی ایم اسلام آباد  
بخدمت جناب میاں شہباز شریف صاحب، وزیر اعظم پاکستان  
بخدمت حضرت مولانا مفتی عبدالغفور صاحب، وفاقی وزیر برائے مذہبی امور اسلام آباد  
بخدمت جناب بلخ الرحمن صاحب، گورنر پنجاب  
بخدمت جناب محسن نقوی صاحب، نگران وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب  
بخدمت جناب زاہد اختر زمان صاحب، چیف سیکرٹری پنجاب  
بخدمت جناب ڈائریکٹر اینٹی کرپشن اٹھیلشمنٹ پنجاب  
بخدمت جناب حافظ مدثر نواز صاحب، سیکشن آفیسر

## ANNEX X

### A press release by Lahore High Court Bar Association on 'Original conspiracy – commission of most serious blasphemy'

(English translation is provided overleaf)



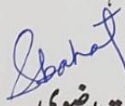
#### Lahore High Court Bar Association Lahore

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Dated: 06-04-2023

### پریس ریلیز

سوشل میڈیا پر موجود گستاخانہ مواد کی منظم تشہیر کے ایشو پر عہدیداران لاہور ہائیکورٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن کا ہنگامی اجلاس ہوا۔ سوشل میڈیا پر اللہ رب العزت، نبی اقدس ﷺ، اہل بیت اطہار، امہات المؤمنین، اصحاب رسول ﷺ قرآن پاک اور پرچم پاکستان کی منظم سازش کے تحت سنگین ترین توہین کی جارہی ہے۔ سوشل میڈیا کے اصول و ضوابط نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے پاکستانی قوم کی نئی نسل سے منظم سازش کے تحت یہ گستاخیاں کروائی جارہی ہیں۔ سوشل میڈیا کی مانیٹرنگ نہ تو ریاست کر رہی ہے اور نہ ہی معاشرہ حتیٰ کہ والدین اور افراد بھی اپنے بچوں کے سوشل میڈیا کے استعمال پر مانیٹرنگ نہ کر رہے ہیں۔ دوسری طرف سوشل میڈیا ٹیکنالوجی بھی ہر فرد کی اہم ضرورت بن چکی ہیں۔ اس ایشو پر لیگل کمیشن آن بلاسفی پاکستان کی جدوجہد کو میٹنگ میں سہرا بایا گیا جو کہ اس سازش کے سامنے مضبوط رکاوٹ بن کر کھڑی ہے۔ جس کی قانونی جدوجہد کے نتیجے میں سائبر کرائم نے اب تک 119 غلیظ ترین گرفتار کر لئے ہیں اور 11 مقدمات کا فیصلہ ہو چکا ہے۔ جس میں تمام افراد کو سزائے موت سنائی گئی ہے اور ان لمزمان کے خلاف اس قدر شواہد ہیں کہ اب تک کسی عدالت نے بھی ان کی ضمانت قبول نہیں کی۔ سائبر کرائم ایف آئی اے کے معزز عدالت کو بتائے گئے اعداد و شمار اور لیگل کمیشن آن بلاسفی پاکستان کی تحقیق کے مطابق پاکستان میں ایسے بدبختوں کی تعداد 4 لاکھ سے تجاوز کر چکی ہے۔ پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن (PTA) کی ذمہ داری ہے کہ وہ فی الفور سوشل میڈیا پرفلٹریشن لگائی جائے تاکہ گستاخانہ مواد نہ وطن عزیز میں اپ لوڈ ہو سکے نہ ڈاؤن لوڈ۔ جب تک حکومت یہ ذمہ داری ادا نہیں کرتی تو والدین اپنے بچوں کی مانیٹرنگ کریں۔ اس سلسلے میں سوشل میڈیا پر موجود بچوں کی کنٹرول کی آپٹیکیشن کا استعمال کیا جاسکتا ہے تاکہ انہیں پتا چلے کہ وہ تعمیری کام کر رہے ہیں یا فحش مواد کی دلدل میں ڈھنس رہے ہیں جو انہیں گستاخی رسول ﷺ تک لے جا کر تخریبی کام کا آلہ کار بنائے گا۔ روک تھام کے اس سلسلے کی آگاہی کیلئے لیگل کمیشن آن بلاسفی پاکستان کی جانب سے 7 اپریل 2023ء 16 رمضان المبارک جمعۃ المبارک کو 'یوم تحفظ ناموس' رسالہ ﷺ منانے کا اعلان کیا۔ لاہور ہائیکورٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن کی طرف سے بھرپور حمایت کے اعلان کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ لاہور ہائیکورٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن سے منسلک علماء کرام، خطباء مشائخ نظام، اساتذہ، صحافی، وکلاء، کالم نگار، تاجر، سوشل میڈیا ایکٹوسٹ، اینکرز، سیاسی و سماجی و مذہبی رہنما سے التماس ہے کہ وہ اس آگاہی ٹیم میں بھرپور کردار ادا کریں تاکہ وطن عزیز کے خلاف اس منظم سازش، جس سے مسلک کو مسلک کے خلاف، مذہب کو مذہب کے خلاف، اقلیت کو اکثریت کے خلاف اور عوام کو اداروں کے ساتھ لڑوا کر فساد برپا کرنے کے مقصد کو ناکام کیا جاسکے۔ اس منظم سازش کا مقصد مذہب سے زیادہ پاکستان کی تباہی اور فساد برپا کرنا ہے۔ ہم ہر طرح سے اس جمعۃ المبارک کو یوم تحفظ مذہب انبیاء و اہل بیت و صحابہ رسول ﷺ کے طور پر منکر آگاہی کے لئے اپنے تمام وسائل اسی طرح بروئے کار لائیں گے۔ جیسے یہ کال ہم نے خود دی ہے۔

  
صباحت رضوی

سیکرٹری لاہور ہائیکورٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن، لاہور

### Press Release

An emergency meeting of the office-bearers of the Lahore High Court Bar Association was held regarding the organized distribution of blasphemous content on social media. Severe blasphemy of Allah Almighty, the Holy Prophet, his pious family members, his wives, his companions, the Holy Quran, and the Pakistani flag is being committed on social media—under an organized conspiracy. Due to lack of rules and regulations for social media, Pakistani youth, under this organized conspiracy, are being beguiled to commit such blasphemies. The monitoring of social media is not being undertaken by the state, nor by the society. Even parents are not monitoring the use of social media by their children. On the other hand, social media technology has become everyone's vital necessity. The struggle of the Legal Commission on Blasphemy—concerning the issue— was admired in the meeting, which has proven to be a strong hindrance to this organized conspiracy. Owing to its struggle on legal grounds, 119 filthiest blasphemers have been arrested and 11 cases have been concluded, all of them have been sentenced to death. There is plenty of evidence against the accused, so no court has accepted their bail. According to the provided facts and figures by Cyber Crime/FIA to the respected court, and research of Legal Commission on Blasphemy Pakistan, such wretched people have exceeded four hundred thousand. It is the duty of Pakistan Telecommunication (PTA) that a filtration should be urgently applied so that no blasphemous content could be uploaded or downloaded within our beloved country. Till the government takes responsibility, parents should monitor their children. Social media control apps for children can be used in this matter to ensure that they are using it for constructive purposes and are not sinking deep into the quicksand of explicit content, which would eventually lead them to commit the blasphemy of the Holy Prophet and make them indulge in sabotage. To raise awareness of the initiatives taken for its prevention, Legal Commission on Blasphemy Pakistan has announced to celebrate Friday, 16th April 2023, as “Youm e Tahaffuze Namoos e Rasalat” “Safeguarding the honor of Prophethood Day”. Lahore High Court Bar Association has declared its full support for it. It is requested from all scholars, leading orators, teachers, journalists, columnists, businessmen, social media activists, anchors, and political, social, and religious figures—affiliated with Lahore High Court Bar Association—to play their part in this awareness campaign team; so, this organized conspiracy against our beloved country may be countered and stopped to curb violence which incites sects against sects, religions against religions, minority against the majority, and public against institutions. Rather than having religious motives, this organized conspiracy focuses on annihilation and anarchy. We will utilize all our resources to raise awareness and celebrate this blessed Friday as the day of safeguarding religions, Prophets, family members and companions of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him), as if we, ourselves, have initiated the call for this event.

**[Signed]**

**Sabahat Rizvi**

**Secretary Lahore High Court Bar Association, Lahore**

## ANNEX XI

The Deputy Director (Colleges), District Chiniot issued circular to investigate and report that no library of any college (public or private) has a copy of the Holy Quran with 'new translation' prepared by the Qadiani/Ahmadi Community



OFFICE OF THE  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (COLLEGES), CHINIOT

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To,

All the Principals (Male/Female),  
Public and Private Colleges,  
District Chiniot.

No: 254 /DDC (1)

Dated: 05/4/2023

SUBJECT: COOPERATE WITH INSPECTION COMMITTEES OF COLLEGE LIBRARIES  
AND SUBMISSION OF CERTIFICATE

On behalf of the telephonic message of the High ups, different committees have been constituted to inspect thoroughly all the libraries in all Public and Private Colleges. The committees will inspect and make sure that **no library possesses the new translation of Holy Quran (PREPARED BY QADIANI/AHMADI COMMUNITY)**. You are directed to fully cooperate with the committee constituted by the undersigned and submit certificates that your institution has not such translation/version.

Deputy Director Colleges  
Chiniot

## انتباہ

### برائے سوشل میڈیا / انٹرنیٹ صارفین

عوام الناس کو مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ اشاعت قرآن مجید (غلطیوں سے پاک طباعت اور ریکارڈنگ) ایکٹ ۱۹۷۳ کی رو سے قرآن پاک کی ایسی طباعت، اشاعت یا ریکارڈنگ جو کسی غیر رجسٹرڈ ناشر قرآن پاک کی طرف سے کی گئی ہو یا ایسا مطبوعہ قرآن یا قرآن پاک کا کچھ حصہ جو کسی بھی شکل (کتاب، ریکارڈ، نصابی کتاب وغیرہ) میں ریکارڈ یا شائع کیا گیا ہو اور اس میں کسی لفظ، حرف یا اعراب کو تبدیل یا آیت، سورت کی ترتیب کو تبدیل کیا گیا ہو یا کسی غیر مسلم کی طرف سے اس کا ایسا ترجمہ یا تشریح کی گئی ہو جو مسلمانوں کے عقیدے کے برخلاف ہو تو ان تمام صورتوں میں ان جرائم کا مرتکب سخت ترین سزاؤں کا مستحق ہوگا۔

مزید برآں تعزیرات پاکستان کے سیکشن (B) 295 کی رو سے قرآن پاک، قرآن پاک کے اوراق یا اس کے کسی اقتباس کی توہین کے مرتکب کو عمر قید کی سزا ہو سکتی ہے۔

لہذا عوام الناس (مسلم وغیر مسلم معزز شہریوں) سے اپیل کی جاتی ہے کہ مذہبی معاملات، مقدس کتب، مقدس شخصیات کی نسبت انتہائی احتیاط سے کام لیں اور خاص طور پر سوشل میڈیا پر ان امور سے متعلق رائے زنی، تبصرے، اشاعت وغیرہ میں انتہائی ذمہ داری کا مظاہرہ کریں۔

### واضح رہے

کہ حکومت پاکستان کے متعلقہ ادارے کسی بھی غیر قانونی، نفرت انگیز، گستاخانہ مواد کی مسلسل نگرانی کرتے ہیں اور آئین پاکستان، متعلقہ قوانین اور عدالتی احکامات کی روشنی میں ان جرائم میں ملوث افراد کے خلاف کارروائی کرتے ہیں۔

تمام شہریوں سے اپیل ہے کہ سوشل میڈیا پر موجود کسی بھی غیر قانونی، نفرت انگیز، گستاخانہ مواد کی شکایات فوراً متعلقہ سوشل میڈیا پلیٹ فارم پر درج کروائیں یا پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اتھارٹی (پی ٹی اے) کو درج ذیل لنک پر رپورٹ کریں۔

<https://complaint.pta.gov.pk/RegisterComplaint.aspx>  
content-complaint@pta.gov.pk

جبکہ متعلقہ افراد کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی کے لیے FIA کے سائبر کرائم ونگ کو درج ذیل ذرائع پر شکایت درج کروائی جاسکتی ہے۔

Call: 1991

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پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اتھارٹی  
پی ٹی اے ہیڈ کوارٹرز، F-5/1 اسلام آباد



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## ANNEX XIII

### HRW Report: Pakistan Denies Voting Rights to Religious Community

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Patricia Gossman

Associate Asia Director

As Pakistan prepares for nationwide parliamentary elections in February 2024, one religious group remains largely disenfranchised.

Discriminatory provisions in Pakistan’s electoral law effectively exclude members of the Ahmadiyyah community because of their religious beliefs. To register as voters, Ahmadis must either renounce their faith or agree to be placed in a separate electoral list that categorizes them as “non-Muslim.” Self-identification as Muslims, however, is a cornerstone of Ahmadiyya religious belief. Because of this, Ahmadis, who number more than 500,000 in Pakistan, have in practice, been denied the right to vote in local, provincial, and national elections.

In 2002, Pakistan abolished an electoral system in which Muslims and non-Muslims registered and voted in separate categories. The government also created a separate category for Ahmadis. Since then, all Pakistani citizens vote according to a single electoral list except the Ahmadis, who vote on a separate list.

Pakistan’s most recent elections law, Elections Act 2017, retained those provisions regarding the status of the Ahmadis. Under Pakistani law, if someone objects to any voter being identified as non-Muslim, the election commission can summon the person to declare they are not Ahmadi, otherwise they are added to the non-Muslim list. Rather than deny their beliefs, most Ahmadis end up not voting at all.


In addition to being denied suffrage, the Ahmadiyya community faces deadly violence from militant Islamist groups. Having a separate list of all registered Ahmadi voters with contact information places them at greater risk of targeted attacks. In recent years, hundreds of Ahmadis have been injured and killed in bombings and other attacks.

Pakistani law effectively legalizes and even encourages persecution of the Ahmadiyya community. The penal code explicitly discriminates against religious minorities and targets Ahmadis in particular by prohibiting them from “indirectly or directly posing as a Muslim.”

Pakistan’s upcoming elections cannot be considered free and fair if an entire community is effectively excluded from the electoral process. Religious disagreements do not justify denying people their right to vote. Pakistani authorities should allow the full and equal participation of members of the Ahmadiyya community in the general elections and beyond.

# ANNEX XIV

## Letter by the Lahore Bar Association



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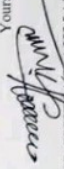
decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan is binding upon you and as per Article 190 of the said Constitution, all executive and judicial authorities of Pakistan are bound to act in aid of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.


6. That every year, on the occasion of Eid-Ul-Adha, there are so many reports/FIRs on the record of concerned authorities, which show that Qadyani Group (non-Muslims), openly, flagrantly and high headedly violate the Provisions of the Constitution, 1973, Sections 298(b) & 298(c) Pakistan Penal Code, and the binding law laid down by The Hon'ble Supreme Court and The Hon'ble Federal Shariat Court of Pakistan cases reported as **PLD1993SCMR1718** and **PLD1985FSC8**, which nescitate the taking of strict, iron handed, preventive and preventive against all the delinquents (Qadyani Group).

You are hereby requested that emergent, effective and requisite directions may kindly be issued by circular to all the SHOs of the province of Punjab through their concerned CCPO, CPOs, and DPOs directing them take all the necessary and requisite preemptive and preventive measures to bound & restrained illegal use of Shaair- E-Islami Gathering For Eid Prayer And Qurbani Etc) by Qadyani / Lahori Group on the occasion of Eid-Ul-Adha, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> of Zul-Hajj and clearly mentioning that in case of non-compliance strict/stern departmental action shall be initiated against the concerned officials and also legal action under 298C, 298B of the PPC should be taken against the Qadyani non-Muslim group and other organizers of the Qadyani Jamaat so that the peace of the area can be maintained and any kind of loss of life and property can be safe guarded.

**NOTE:** - Copies of Firs lodged on violation of Section 298(C) PPC and Instructions for Eid Prayer Gathering Issued by Home Department of Government of Punjab Dated 4-07-22 are attached.

Best Regards,

Yours Sincerely,  
  
**CH. ISHFAQ AHMAD KHAN**  
President  
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Dated: 22-06-2023

**THE SECRETARY,**  
Home Department,  
Government of Punjab,  
**LAHORE.**


**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT / IMPLEMENTATION AND DIRECTIONS MAY KINDLY BE ISSUED BY CIRCULAR TO ALL POLICE STATIONS AND POLICE OFFICERS OF PUNJAB PROVINCE, TO BOUND & RESTRAINED ILLEGAL USE OF SHAAIR- E-ISLAMI (GATHERING FOR EID PRAYER AND QURBANI ETC) BY QADYANI LAHORI GROUP ON THE OCCASION OF EID-UL-ADHA, UNDER SECTIONS 298(B) & 298(C) PAKISTAN PENAL CODE, THE ARTICLE 260(3) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN, 1973, AND THE CONSISTENT AND ESTEMED JUDGEMENTS OF SUPERIOR COURTS I.E. PLD1993SCMR1718 AND PLD1985FSC8.**

**Dear Sir,**

- That on the occasion of Eid-Ul-Adha, "**Qurbani**" being a Sunnat-e-Ibrahimi (A.S) as well as Sunnat-e-Muhammad (sallallahu alih wasallam) Khatam Un Nabiyeen is an important religious festival and "**Shaair- e-Islami**" on 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> of Zul-Hajj i.e for more than 1400 years.
- That on the occasion of Eid-Ul-Adha, performing "**Eid Prayer**" and "**Qurbani**" **Shaair-e-Islami** is exclusively only for Muslims.
- That as per article 260(3) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the Qadyani Group, Or Lahori Group (who called themselves "Ahmadi" or by any other names) they have been declared to be Non-Muslims since **17-09-1974**.
- That the above referred Article of Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the relevant Provisions 298(B) & 298(C) of Pakistan Penal Code and the binding judgements of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan clearly prohibited the Qadyani Group, or Lahori Group (Non-Muslims) not to use any **Shaair- E-Islami**.
- That the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, as well as under the relevant law, you have taken an oath that you shall leave no stone unturned for upholding the rule of law and maintaining law and order situation throughout the province of Punjab and under Article 189 of the said Constitution, 1973, any

# ANNEX XV

## Letter by the Islamabad Bar Association

**ISLAMABAD BAR ASSOCIATION**

Date 24-06-2023


Ref. No. IBA 23/396

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You are hereby requested that emergent, effective and requisite **directions may kindly be issued by aforesaid** to all the SHO's of the Islamabad Capital Territory through their concerned DIGs, SSPs, and SAs directing them to take all the necessary and requisite preventive and punitive measures to **bound & restrained illegal use of Shaastr-e-Islami Gathering For Eid Prayer And Qurbani Etc by Qadyani / Lahori Group on the occasion of Eid-Ul-Adha**, i.e. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of Zul-Hajj and clearly mentioning that in case of non-compliance strict/stern departmental action shall be initiated against the concerned officials and also legal action under 298C, 298B of the PPC should be taken against the Qadyani non-Muslim group and other organizers of the Qadyani Jamaat so that the peace of the area can be maintained and any kind of loss of life and property can be safe guarded.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Rai Asad Naveed Bhatti**  
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To,  
Inspector General Police,  
Islamabad Capital Territory,  
Islamabad.

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## Grotesque bigotry

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**Editorial in the Dawn published on February 5, 2023**

FREEDOM to profess one's faith is guaranteed by the Constitution of Pakistan. However, for the country's Ahmadi minority, this freedom is severely curtailed, and instead, the group is faced with intense persecution. One example of this ugly bigotry manifested itself in Karachi recently, when an Ahmadi place of worship in Sadar was attacked by a mob. In a highly disturbing video purportedly capturing the incident, individuals can be seen attacking the building and tearing down parts of it while shouting slogans. This is not the first such incident; a similar attack targeting an Ahmadi facility took place last month, in Karachi's Martin Quarters area. The sad fact is that there is a long history of Ahmadi persecution in this country. Members of the community have been murdered in targeted killings, there have been calls for an economic boycott of the group, while gravestones of community members have also been desecrated. Perhaps the most brutal attacks in recent memory were the ones in 2010 targeting two places of worship in Lahore, which resulted in nearly 100 fatalities. It is not difficult to understand what breeds this hatred, as there are groups and individuals in this country whose sole aim appears to be persecution of Ahmadis, particularly by misusing the blasphemy laws against the community.

The problem is that if violent extremism is allowed to fester even after devouring whole communities, one day the obscurantists will come for everyone who does not agree with their blinkered worldview. The bloodbath in Peshawar's Police Lines is a clear example of this terrifying possibility. At least five people have been held for attacking the Ahmadi facility in Sadar. However, the bigger task for the state is to provide protection to the community at large, while working to extricate radicalism from society. The latter is a particularly tall order, when the state itself had for decades nurtured the hard right. The political class, the establishment as well as clerics need to take some bold moves to ensure that vulnerable communities can live in peace, and are not hounded by those bent on eliminating them. Left unattended, the violent vigilantism witnessed in Karachi will one day morph into an uncontrollable ogre. There may still be time to save the nation from sinking into the toxic vortex of obscurantism and violence, should the ruling classes prioritise this goal.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Published in the daily Dawn; February 5th, 2023

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## ANNEX XVII

### **(U.S. President's) Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day, 2023**

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**January 13, 2023**

On Religious Freedom Day, we reflect on our right to practice, pray, and preach our faiths peacefully and openly. Across the country, we practice many different religions. We celebrate many different traditions. And we honor our faiths in many different ways and places — from churches, to mosques, to synagogues, to temples. This religious freedom — this freedom to practice religion fully and freely or to practice no religion at all — is enshrined in our Constitution. And together we must continue to preserve and protect it.

This effort is as important now as it has ever been. In the United States, we are facing a rising tide of antisemitism and renewed attacks against certain religious groups. Across the world, minority communities — including Uyghurs, Rohingya, Ahmadiyya Muslims, Jews, Christians, Bahá'ís, Yezidis, atheists, and humanists — continue to face intimidation, violence, and unequal protection under the law. This hate is harmful to our communities and countries, and it is on all of us to speak out and stop it.

That is exactly what my Administration is doing. We established the Protecting Places of Worship Interagency Policy Committee last January, and implemented the largest-ever increase in funding for the physical security of non-profits — including churches, gurdwaras, mosques, synagogues, temples, and other houses of worship. In my 2023 Budget proposal, I called for another large increase in funding for this key program. In September, we hosted the United We Stand Summit, the first White House summit on combating hate-motivated violence, including violence on the basis of religion. In December, I established a new interagency group to increase and better coordinate the Federal Government's efforts to counter antisemitism, Islamophobia, and other forms of bias and discrimination within the United States. As its first order of business, this group is developing a national strategy to fight antisemitism. To build bridges across beliefs and backgrounds, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships is collaborating with diverse faith and community leaders on a range of projects — including helping families recover from disasters, distributing COVID-19 vaccines, improving maternal and child health, and resettling refugees across the United States.

The United States is also speaking out and standing up against religious persecution around the world. Last year, my Administration provided \$20 million to help promote religious freedom and protections for members of religious minorities globally, including helping ensure that people everywhere can practice

their faiths free from fear. I appointed Rashad Hussain as Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom — the first Muslim to hold this post — and Deborah Lipstadt, a Holocaust expert, as the first Ambassador-level Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism. As a founding member of the International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance, we also have

coordinated with partners around the world to promote the rights of religious minority groups and combat persecution. And we are ensuring that United States diplomats continue to receive training on religious freedom and its central importance to our work.

Faith has sustained me throughout my life. For me and for so many others, it serves as a reminder of both our collective purpose and potential in the world. But for far too many people within our borders and beyond, practicing their faith still means facing fear and persecution. Today, let us recommit ourselves to ending this hate. And let us work together to ensure that people of all religions — and no religion — are treated with equal dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2023, as Religious Freedom Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

thirteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.

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1. [whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/01/13/a-proclamation-on-religious-freedom-day-2023](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/01/13/a-proclamation-on-religious-freedom-day-2023)

# ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AC</b>	Assistant Commissioner	<b>JUP</b>	Jamiat Ulamae Pakistan
<b>AD&amp;SJ</b>	Add. Distt. & Sessions Judge	<b>KN</b>	Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood)
<b>AJK</b>	Azad Jammu and Kashmir	<b>KNLF</b>	Khatame Nabuwwat Lawyers Forum
<b>AMTKN</b>	Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat	<b>LHC</b>	Lahore High Court
<b>ASI</b>	Assistant Sub-inspector (of police)	<b>LJ</b>	Lashkar Jhangvi
<b>ASJ</b>	Additional Sessions Judge	<b>LT</b>	Lashkar Taiba
<b>ASWJ</b>	Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat	<b>MNA</b>	Member of National Assembly
<b>ATC</b>	Anti-terrorism Court	<b>NA</b>	National Assembly
<b>ATA</b>	Anti-terrorism Act	<b>NACTA</b>	National Counter-Terrorism Authority
<b>CII</b>	Council of Islamic Ideology	<b>NAP</b>	National Action Plan
<b>CJ</b>	Chief Justice of Pakistan	<b>NAB</b>	National Accountability Bureau
<b>CM</b>	Chief Minister	<b>NISP</b>	National Internal Security Policy
<b>CNIC</b>	Computerized National Identity Card	<b>NS</b>	Mr. Nawaz Sharif
<b>COAS</b>	Chief of Army Staff	<b>PBUH</b>	Peace be upon him
<b>CPO</b>	City Police Officer	<b>PDM</b>	Pakistan Democratic Movement
<b>CrPC</b>	Criminal Procedure Code	<b>PECA</b>	Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016
<b>CT</b>	Counterterrorism	<b>PEMRA</b>	Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority
<b>CTD</b>	Counter-terrorism Department	<b>PML (N)</b>	Pak Muslim League (Nawaz)
<b>DC</b>	Deputy Commissioner	<b>PML (Q)</b>	Pakistan Muslim League (Quaid-e-Azam)
<b>DHA</b>	Defence Housing Authority	<b>PPC</b>	Pakistan Penal Code, 1860
<b>DIG</b>	Deputy Inspector General (Police)	<b>PPP</b>	Pakistan Peoples Party
<b>DPO</b>	District Police Officer	<b>PS</b>	Police Station
<b>DSP</b>	Deputy Superintendent of Police	<b>PTA</b>	Pakistan Telecommunication Authority
<b>ECL</b>	Exit Control List	<b>PTI</b>	Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf
<b>ECP</b>	Election Commission of Pakistan	<b>RAW</b>	Research and Analysis Wing, India
<b>EDO</b>	Executive District Officer	<b>RPO</b>	Regional Police Officer
<b>FIR</b>	First Information Report	<b>SC</b>	Supreme Court of Pakistan
<b>FIA</b>	Federal Investigation Agency	<b>SHC</b>	Sindh High Court
<b>GB</b>	Gilgit Baltistan	<b>SHO</b>	Station House Officer (Police)
<b>HRCP</b>	Human Rights Commission of Pakistan	<b>SP</b>	Superintendent of Police
<b>HRW</b>	Human Rights Watch	<b>ST</b>	Sunni Tehreek
<b>ICCPR</b>	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	<b>TJP</b>	Tehreek Jafria Pakistan
<b>IHC</b>	Islamabad High Court	<b>TLP</b>	Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan
<b>IG</b>	Inspector General (of police)	<b>TTP</b>	Tehreek Taliban Pakistan
<b>IKNM</b>	International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement	<b>UDHR</b>	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
<b>ISPR</b>	Inter-Services Public Relations	<b>UNHCHR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
<b>JI</b>	Jamaat Islami	<b>UNHRC</b>	UN Human Rights Council
<b>JIT</b>	Joint Investigation Team	<b>USCIRF</b>	US Commission for International Religious Freedom
<b>JUI (F)</b>	Jamiat Ulamae Islam (Fazl)	<b>VE</b>	Violent extremism

# GLOSSARY

- Aalmi*: international  
*Alama*: great savant  
*Aman*: peace  
*Amir*: head; president  
*Anjuman*: association; union  
*Auqaf*: endowment  
*Azan*: Islamic call for prayers  
*Baiat*: pledge of allegiance  
*Chak*: village  
*Dajjal*: The great Fraudster; Anti-Christ  
*Deeni sha'air*: religious topics, practices  
*Dharna*: a sit-in  
*Eid-ul-Fitr*: Islamic festival after Ramzan  
*Fatwa*: religious edict  
*Fiqha*: jurisprudence  
*Fitna*: great mischief, sedition  
*Gherau*: siege  
*Hadd*: Islamic prescribed punishment  
*Hadith*: tradition of the Holy Prophet  
*Halal*: lawful  
*Haraam*: forbidden in Islam  
*Hafiz*: who has memorized the Holy Quran  
*Hajj*: pilgrimage to Makkah  
*Hazrat*: title for respect  
*Hizb*: group  
*Idarah*: institution  
*Iftar*: opening of Islamic fast  
*Ijtihad*: independent reasoning  
*Ijtima*: gathering; conference  
*Imam*: religious leader  
*Ittihad*: union  
*Jalsa*: conference; convention  
*Jamaat*: community  
*Jamia*: religious seminary  
*Jamiat*: community; group  
*Jihad*: holy struggle; holy war  
*Kafir*: disbeliever; infidel  
*Kalima*: Islamic creed  
*Khalifa*: caliph  
*Khalifatul Masih*: Ahmadiyya caliph  
*Khatib*: one who delivers Friday sermon  
*Khatam un Nabiyyen*: Seal of Prophets  
*Khatme Nabuwwat*: End of Prophethood  
*Khilafat*: caliphate  
*Khula*: Separation on woman's plea  
*Madrassah*: Islamic school  
*Majlis*: association  
*Masih Mauud*: the Promised Messiah  
*Masjid*: mosque  
*Maulana*: senior Muslim cleric; scholar  
*Maulvi*: Muslim cleric; scholar  
*Millat*: closely knit society  
*Minhaj*: path  
*Mirzai*: pejorative term for Ahmadi  
*Mufti*: one who issues edicts  
*Mujahideen*: Muslims undertaking jihad  
*Mulla*: Muslim cleric (also plural)  
*Murabbi*: Ahmadi religious teacher  
*Murtad*: apostate  
*Mutahiddah*: united  
*Namus Risalat*: Honour of Prophethood  
*Nazir*: director  
*Nikah*: Islamic announcement of marriage bond  
*Pardah*: Islamic veil  
*Qadiani*: pejorative term for Ahmadi  
*Qadianiat*: pejorative for Ahmadiyya belief  
*Qari*: reciter of the Holy Quran  
*Qadi*: judge  
*Qurbani*: Islamic ritual of sacrificing cattle  
*Rabitah*: alliance  
*Riasat Madinah*: State of Madinah as in the days of the Holy Prophet and the first four Caliphs  
*Sadr*: president  
*Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya*: main body of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan  
*Salaam*: peace  
*Salaat*: Islamic ritual prayer  
*Seerat un Nabi*: attributes of the Holy Prophet PBUH  
*Shariah*: body of Islamic laws  
*Shura*: advisory, consultation  
*Sunnah*: Custom of the Holy Prophet PBUH  
*Tabshir*: bringing good news to  
*Tafseer*: commentary  
*Tahaffuz*: safeguard  
*Tanzeem*: organisation  
*Tehreek*: movement  
*Ulema*: Islamic scholars, clerics  
*Ummah*: Islamic nation  
*Wajib-ul-qatl*: must be killed  
*Wakil*: director, executive  
*Wifaq*: central; federal  
*Zakat*: Islamic charity for the poor  
*Zindah baad*: long live

## **DID YOU KNOW**

**AHMADI MUSLIMS 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**

EVERY PAKISTANI HAS TO DECLARE HIS FAITH TO;

- Get a national identity card or upon renewal
- Get a Pakistani passport or upon renewal
- Register as a voter or stands as a candidate

If one selects ‘Muslim’ as an option, he has no alternative but to sign an affidavit that denounces the divine status of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

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 BLANCHETO TERRORIZE AHMADIS WITH THE BACKING OF THE STATE.

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