

# AHMADIYYA MUSLIM FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFICE

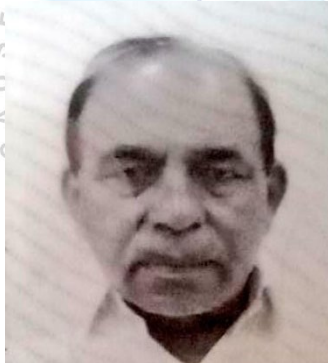
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**FATAL SHOOTING OF TWO AHMADIS IN MANDI BHAUDDIN  
ARREST OF A LOCAL MADRASSAH STUDENT FOR THESE FAITH-BASED MURDERS  
280 AHMADIS KILLED FOR THEIR FAITH SINCE 1984, THREE THIS YEAR ALONE  
RISE IN ANTI-AHMADIYYA HATE CAMPAIGNS**

**June 8, 2024:** It is with deep sorrow that we report the tragic incident in which two Ahmadis were fatally shot in broad daylight in Saad Ullah Pur, Mandi Bahauddin. **Ghulam Sarwar**, 62\*, was killed near his home after attending Zuhr prayers, and **Rahat Ahmad Bajwa**, 30\*, was targeted while returning from his catering center. The alleged perpetrator, Syed Ali Raza, a teenage student from a local madrassah, has confessed to the murders, motivated by the victims' faith. These two incidences have heightened concerns over the escalating anti-Ahmadiyya sentiment in Pakistan.



*Ghulam Sarwar*



*Rahat Ahmad Bajwa*

The Ahmadiyya headquarters in Pakistan has issued a press release regarding this issue, which we reproduce below in its entirety.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Two Ahmadis were fatally shot today at Saad Ullah Pur, Mandi Bahauddin.**

**One killer arrested is a student at a local Madrassah, who allegedly has confessed to killing two Ahmadis for reasons of faith.**

**The Anti-Ahmadiyya hate campaign in Pakistan is at an all-time high.**

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**As per the law, those who incite hatred and violence against the peaceful Ahmadiyya Community should be brought to justice.**

**Chenab Nagar, June 8, 2024:** Two Ahmadis have been fatally shot in open daylight in Saad Ullah Pur, District Mandi Bahauddin. Ghulam Sarwar s/o Bashir Ahmed of 62 years of age and Mr. Rahat Ahmad Bajwa s/o Mushtaq Ahmad Bajwa of 30 years of age have been fatally shot around noon in two separate attacks. According to the details, Mr. Ghulam Sarwar was on his way back home after offering the Zuhr prayers at an Ahmadiyya place of worship when the alleged killer opened fire at him near his house where he died on spot. In a span of 20 minutes when Mr. Rahat was returning to his house from catering Centre (Pakwan Centre) he owned which is situated at the local Bus stop, he was also fatally shot by a student from the madrassah in the local village.

A killer, who has been arrested by the authorities is allegedly identified as one Syed Ali Raza of 16-17 years of age. He is a student at a local Ahle Sunnat Madrasa. The Chief Organizer of the Madrassah is one Sajid Latif who is actively involved in anti-Ahmadiyya activities.

The killer has allegedly confessed to the Police regarding the motivation behind these killings as faith based.

Mr. Ghulam Sarwar was 62 years old. He was into farming. He has left behind a widow and 6 Children as mourners. Mr. Rahat Ahmad Bajwa was running a restaurant. He has left behind a widow and 2 young daughters as mourners. Both of the deceased will be buried in Rabwah.

The Spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community Pakistan Amir Mahmood while condemning this heinous act of murder has stated that *there is an instant need of bringing those responsible to accountability for instilling the narrative of hatred in the youth against Ahmadis. The perpetrators behind this hate campaign are evident. Why is the Government not taking any action against them?*

He further said that *there has been an increase in the Anti-Ahmadiyya activities in Mandi Bahauddin in recent times and the public is being incited against Ahmadis. This has gone to the extent that even Ahmadi pregnant women<sup>1</sup> have received open threats and the perpetrators were not held accountable and as such these perpetrators continue to spread hatred and violence against Ahmadis that recently they ran a hate campaign against the appointment of an Ahmadi Police Officer<sup>2</sup> in Mandi Bahauddin*

<sup>1</sup> <https://persecutionofahmadis.org/briefs/incitement-to-hatred-how-are-ahmadis-persecuted/2022/10/01/near-ultimate-in-hate-and-inciteful-speech/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://persecutionofahmadis.org/persecution/workplace-environment/2023/11/01/ahmadi-official-transferred-on-threat-of-a-tp-mulla/>

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*where he threatened to kill that Ahmadi Police Officer.*

*Recently two videos<sup>3</sup> have surfaced from Jhelum in which a person associated with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Labaik can be heard inciting violence against Ahmadis and stated that he will hang the Qadianis<sup>4</sup>, while the speaker in the other video can be heard issuing threats that if any Ahmadi carries out the religious rite of the Qurbani, then he will slaughter those Ahmadis.*

*The Spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community has demanded that the Government should put an end to the hate campaign against Ahmadis in Pakistan and bring the perpetrators of the deceased Mr. Ghulam Sarwar and Mr. Rahat Ahmad Bajwa to accountability.*

*End of the Press Release*

These incidences mark an increase in the tally of Ahmadi Muslims martyred for their faith, reaching a total of **280** since 1984, including **10** in Mandi Bahauddin. Tragically, **three** of these killings have occurred in the current year alone. Earlier on March 4, president of a local Ahmadiyya community (*Chak-84, Bahawalpur*), Tahir Iqbal, 54 was target killed in a religiously motivated attack<sup>5</sup>.

The Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan continues to face severe persecution, and the international community must pay heed. Recently, the National Commission for Human Rights Pakistan released a report<sup>6</sup> indicating that the Ahmadi community faces the highest levels of violence and discrimination in the country. Four of the recommendations in this report emphasized the need for strict action against hate speech and the promotion of a culture of tolerance and respect for religious diversity.

We urgently appeal to raise your voices against these atrocities. The international community must urge the Pakistani government to safeguard the rights of Ahmadis and ensure justice for the victims. Likewise, Pakistani authorities must recognize the need to curb the culture of hate speech and promote a culture of harmony. The time to act is now; silence and inaction will only perpetuate the cycle of violence and hatred.

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\* Actual age is 64 years

\* Actual age is 32 years

<sup>3</sup> <https://voicepk.net/2024/06/tlp-threats-to-ahmadi-community-creates-new-wave-of-panic/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://thefridaytimes.com/01-Jun-2024/extremists-threaten-to-hang-ahmadis-in-jhelum-if-they-perform-ritual-sacrifice-on-eidul-adha>

<sup>5</sup> <https://x.com/HRC87/status/1785948087112093719>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.nchr.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Ahmadiya-Report.pdf>