



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Jun 17, 2024

## **SEVEN AHMADIS ARRESTED IN PAKISTAN ON THE EVE OF EID AL-ADHA**

### **ELEVEN DETAINED SO FAR, EIGHT STILL IN CUSTODY**

### **DENIAL OF RELIGIOUS RITES TO PATRIOTIC AHMADIS: A GRAVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION**

**June 17, 2024:** Another 07 Ahmadis were taken into custody by the police along with their sacrificial animals such as goats etc. This brings the total to 11 Ahmadis detained for Eid-related activities, with 08 still behind bars. These actions contravenes Article 20 of the Constitution of Pakistan and decisions laid down by the Supreme Court of Pakistan, which guarantees Ahmadis the freedom to practice their faith within confinement of four walls (Cr1.P.916-L/2021, January 12, 2022<sup>1</sup>). Despite these legal protections, authorities continue to deny Ahmadis their religious rights.

#### **ARRESTS AND HARASSMENT:**

Ahmadis across Punjab are facing severe harassment at the hands of the law enforcement officials. In various districts of the province of Punjab the police officials have forcibly entered into the homes of various Ahmadis, thereafter, acting extra-judicially, has detained individuals along with their livestock.

- On June 16, the police officials have detained further 07 Ahmadis along with their sacrificial animals:
  - An Ahmadi in Nadeem Abad, Daska, District Sialkot.
  - An Ahmadi in Khokarki, District Gujranwala.
  - Five Ahmadis in Thana Motrah, District Sialkot.
- Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner in Chakwal issued orders for the detention of 03 Ahmadis for one month without any just cause. (*Release issued earlier*<sup>2</sup>)
- An Ahmadi has been detained for 07 days in Sialkot on June 15. (*Annex 1*)
- in Railway Colony, Lahore the police officials forcibly entered the house of an Ahmadi and also harassed the entire family.
- In Lodhi Nangal, Faisalabad, the police officials forcibly entered into an Ahmadi's house, taking him and his sacrificial animal (a goat) into custody, forcing him to sell his sacrificial animal (a goat) at a loss in order to appease the extremists.
- In Gujranwala, the police officials took an Ahmadi and his two-month-old sacrificial animal (a goat) into custody.

<sup>1</sup> [www.supremecourt.gov.pk/downloads\\_judgements/crl.p.916\\_l\\_2021.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.gov.pk/downloads_judgements/crl.p.916_l_2021.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [www.persecutionofahmadis.org/persecution/imprisonment-in-the-name-of-religion/2024/06/11/arrest-of-three-ahmadis-in-chakwal/](http://www.persecutionofahmadis.org/persecution/imprisonment-in-the-name-of-religion/2024/06/11/arrest-of-three-ahmadis-in-chakwal/)



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# AHMADIYYA MUSLIM FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFICE

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Due to the pressure from the extremists element, the Punjab Police officials are relentlessly harassing Ahmadis during the festivities of Eid al-Adha thus pressurizing them not only to perform the Eid prayers but also not to offer their religious rite of sacrifice within the confinement of their own homes. Ahmadis are being summoned to police stations and are threatened with harm from members of the Tehrik-e-Labbaik Pakistan (the "TLP") in the event if an Ahmadi is found performing their religious rites. It has also been learned that a "threat alert" based on the possibility of violence against Ahmadis on the occasion of Eid al-Adha has been issued by government agencies.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS AND VIOLATION OF RIGHTS:

Despite clear directives by the Superior Courts affirming Ahmadis' rights, the government and the police officials continue to violate these directives.

- The Assistant Commissioner, Qaidabad, District Khushab has banned Ahmadis from sacrificing animals this year, based on a letter from the Home Department, Punjab. (Both letters are given as Annex 2)
- Government orders from Mirpur and Kotli in Azad Kashmir explicitly banned Ahmadis from performing any kind of slaughter or sacrifice during Eid al-Adha. (Mirpur Annex 2 & Kotli Annex 3)

This governmental complacency emboldens extremist elements, placing Ahmadis in grave danger, especially on a significant religious occasion like Eid al-Adha.

Amir Mahmood, spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan, has condemned these actions. He has stated, *"The systematic human rights violations against Ahmadis by extremists and their police patrons, using the holy name of religion, are turning Pakistan into a global laughingstock. There is a need to reject this bigoted thinking. We demand the immediate release of the detained Ahmadis and that immediate steps are taken to ensure the religious freedom of Ahmadis as guaranteed by the Constitution and the Supreme Court."*

## URGENT APPEAL:

We urgently appeal to the international community, human rights organizations, national institutions, law & enforcement agencies, and other influential entities to immediately take notice of these grave violations. The ongoing persecution of Ahmadi Muslims, especially around the sacred occasion of Eid al-Adha, is unacceptable. Immediate intervention is needed to ensure their safety and religious freedom. By the time you receive this release, it will be Eid in Pakistan. The situation is critical, and there is a serious concern about what may unfold on Eid day. Please act now to prevent further injustice and protect the fundamental rights of Ahmadis in Pakistan.

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ANNEX 1

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**Phone No. 052-9250321/Fax No. 052-9250328.**

**From:** The District Police Officer,  
Sialkot.

**To:** The Deputy Commissioner,  
Sialkot.

**No. 10204 /SB dated 15-06-24**

**Subject: DETENTION ORDERS**

**Memorandum:**

Please refer to the subject cited above.

2. It is submitted that as per report of SHO PS City Daska, forwarded by DSP/SDPO Daska Circle, the activities of following person is prejudicial and a threat to the public safety & maintenance of public order. His activities are prejudicial and a threat to the public safety & maintenance of public order. There is a likely-hood that he will create unrest in the general public and create law & order situation. Such activities are required to be controlled to ensure peaceful atmosphere and tranquility.

3. It is therefore, requested that Mr. Qaisar Imran s/o Sharif Caste Malik r/o Mohalla Choudhrian Purana Daska, PS City Daska may kindly be detained for the period of 07 days under the provisions of section 3 of the MPO so that the masses may be saved from the unlawful activities of the said activist in the utmost interest of the state.




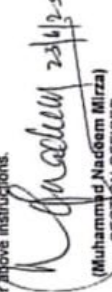
District Police Officer  
Sialkot



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ANNEX 2

 <p>No. <u>539</u> /AC/QBD/HC OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, QUAIDABAD Dated: <u>15</u> /06/2024 ac.quaidabad@gmail.com +92454880087</p>	<p>To, The DSP/SDPO, Circle, Quaidabad</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> <u>INSTRUCTION FOR EID PRAYER GATHERINGS.</u></p> <p>Please find enclosed herewith a copy of application submitted by Anwar-ul-Mustafa son of Ahmad Khan resident of Ultra Tehsil Quaidabad (Khadim Tehreek-e-Labaik Khushab) along with copy of letter No.SO(IS-III)G-35/2023, dated 23.06.2023 issued from Home Department, Punjab, Lahore.</p> <p>The original application and copy of letter dated 23.06.2023 are sent herewith with the request to take necessary action as per instructions contained in the letter</p>	<p> Assistant Commissioner, Quaidabad.</p>
<p><b>IMMEDIATE</b></p>  <p>No.SO(IS-III)G-35/2023 GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB HOME DEPARTMENT Dated Lahore ltra, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023</p>	<p>To, All Deputy Commissioners, Punjab.</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> <u>INSTRUCTIONS FOR EID PRAYER GATHERINGS</u></p> <p>In continuation to this Department's letter No.SO(IS-III)G-35/2022, dated 06.07.2022, on the subject captioned above and following decisions taken by Standing Committee of the Cabinet on Law &amp; Order held on 06.07.2022:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Three-tier security to be provided at Eid congregations at 710 locations (Category-A) as determined by the Special Branch.</li><li>Security at Category-B at 2709 and Category-C at 30,105 locations shall be provided as per standard operating procedure.</li><li>Only Muslims shall be allowed to perform Qurban in accordance with Islamic rites.</li></ol> <p>2. Please ensure the security of the above mentioned Eid congregations in consultation with LEAs as per above instructions.</p>	<p> (Muhammad Nadeem Mirza) SECTION OFFICER (INTERNAL SECURITY-III)</p>
		<p><b>CC:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Provincial Police Officer / IGP, Punjab.</li><li>The Additional Inspector General (CTD), Punjab, Lahore.</li><li>The Additional Inspector General (Special Branch), Punjab, Lahore.</li><li>All the Divisional Commissioners, Punjab.</li><li>PS to ACS (Home), Punjab, Lahore.</li></ol>	



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آزاد جموں و کشمیر ریاست حکومت  
از دفتر سب ڈویژن ججسٹریٹ میرپور

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محکمہ اہل اسلام میرپور، بذریعہ قیومہ طاہر ایب این ایچ ایک ٹی میرپور نے درخواست پیش کی کہ احکامات قانون دفعہ 298-B کوئی بھی قوانین مرتب کرنا یا اپنی (گروپ) اور نام اپنی اگر مسلمانوں کی طرح قرآنی نہیں کر سکتے۔ احکامات قانون ہادیان مرتب کرنا یا اپنی (گروپ) اور نام اپنی ہادیان ہادیان کا استعمال کرتے ہوئے آپ کو مسلمان ظاہر کرتے ہیں۔ عید الاضحیٰ کے ایام میں ہادیان مرتب کرنا یا اپنی (گروپ) اور نام اپنی ہادیان ہادیان کا استعمال کرنے سے باز رہنا منع ہے۔ مسلمانوں کی ذمہ داری ہے کہ وہ اپنے احکامات اور نام اپنی (گروپ) اور نام اپنی کو بذریعہ قیومہ طاہر ایب این ایچ ایک ٹی میرپور سے متعلقہ احکامات اور نام اپنی (گروپ) اور نام اپنی کے خلاف قانون نافذ کرے۔ اگر کوئی ہادیان مرتب کرنا یا اپنی (گروپ) اور نام اپنی کے خلاف قانون نافذ کرے تو اس کے خلاف سخت قانون نافذ کرنا میں لائی جائے گی اور اس کا کوئی عذر قابل قبول نہیں ہے۔

SHO صاحبان قانون سب ڈویژن میرپور، اپنے قانونوں کی حدود میں تھمنا یا اپنی مرتب کرنا یا اپنی (گروپ) اور نام اپنی کو شکم نہ بنانا پندرہ ماہ کی مدت کے اندر نافذ کرنا، اور خلاف ورزی کی صورت میں ذمہ داروں کو قانون نافذ کرنا میں لائی جانے کے پابندیوں کے۔

سب ڈویژن ججسٹریٹ  
Sub Divisional Magistrate  
Tehsil Mirpur Sahib Mirpur

نمبر: SD/M/ Branch Reader 97-794/2024 Date: 15/June/2024  
Copy forwarded to:  
District Magistrate Mirpur  
Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mirpur  
Tehsil Mirpur Sahib Mirpur  
SHOs of Police Stations in this Sub Division for necessary action and dissemination of this order.  
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نمبر: SD/M/ Branch Reader 97-794/2024 Date: 15/June/2024  
کاپی پیش کی گئی ہے۔  
1- ڈی ایچ ججسٹریٹ میرپور  
2- ڈی ایچ ججسٹریٹ میرپور  
3- تحصیل ججسٹریٹ میرپور  
4- SHO صاحبان قانون سب ڈویژن میرپور  
5- (پہلی)  
6- (دوسری)  
7- (تیسری)

**Translation**  
Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government  
Office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate Mirpur

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**ORDER!**  
It has been brought to the attention of the authorities that Muslims in Mirpur, through Khwaja Muhammad Tahir Ayub Lone, Amir Tehreek Labbaik City Mirpur, and others, who have submitted a petition requesting that, in accordance with Section 298-B of the law, no Qadiani, Mirzai, Lahori (Group) or so-called Ahmadi can perform sacrifices like Muslims. Since Qadiani, Mirzais, Lahori (Group) and so-called Ahmadis use Islamic symbols to present themselves as Muslims, it is requested that Qadiani, Mirzais, Lahori (Group) and so-called Ahmadis be prohibited from using Islamic symbols during Eid-ul-Adha to avoid hurting the sentiments of Muslims.

**Therefore, in view of the threat to peace and security, Qadiani, Mirzais, Lahori (Group) and Ahmadis residing within the limits of Sub Division Mirpur are hereby directed/instructed through this order that they will not perform any kind of qurbani/sacrifice during the days of Eid-ul-Adha (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> Dhul Hijjah). If any Qadiani, Mirzai, Lahori Group or Ahmadi is found violating this order, legal action will be taken against him/her and no excuse will be acceptable.**

**SHOs of Police Stations in Sub Division Mirpur are directed to ensure that Qadiani, Mirzais, Lahori (Group) and Ahmadis residing within the limits of their respective police stations comply with this order and take action against any violations promptly in accordance with the law.**

**Sub Divisional Magistrate Mirpur  
Sign & Stamp**

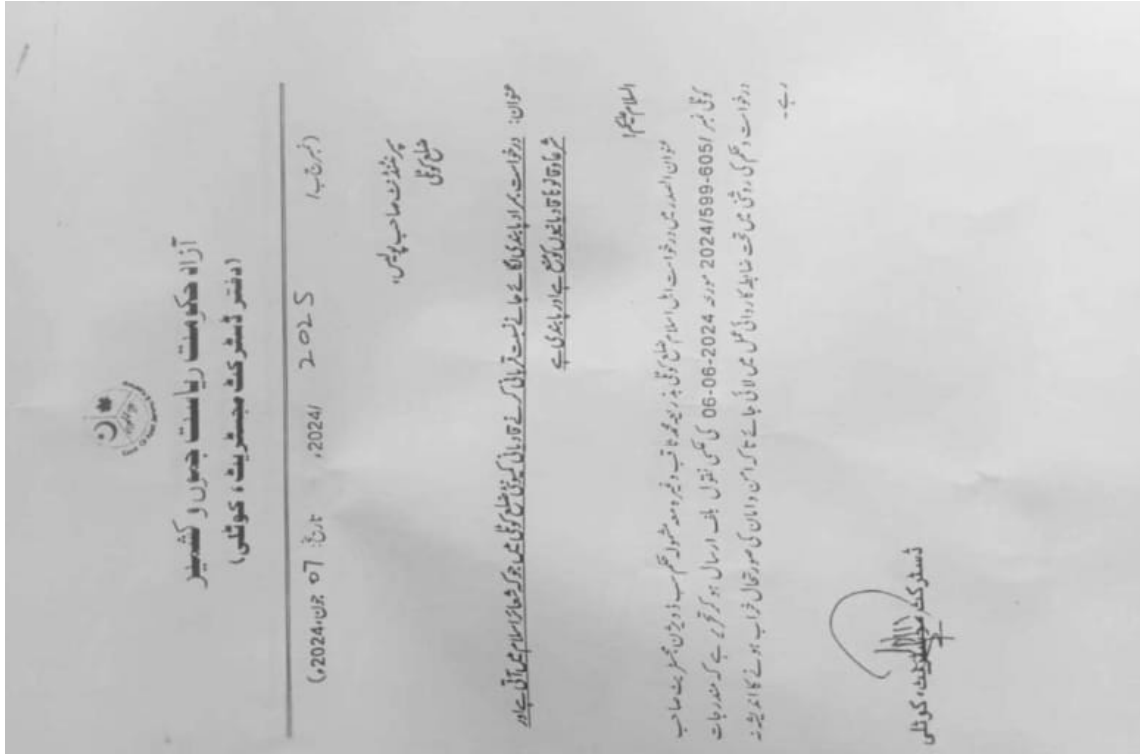


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## Translation

**Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government**  
(Office of the District Magistrate, Kotli)

(No. J.B. 2025 /2024 Date: 07 June 2024)

**Superintendent of Police**  
**District Kotli**

**Subject: Request to impose a ban on Qadianis to perform sacrifices in District Kotli, which is considered an Islamic practice and is legally and religiously prohibited for Qadianis.**

Assalamo Alaikum!

With reference to the above subject, a request has been submitted by the Muslims of District Kotli through Muhammad Saqib and others, along with attached photocopies of the order of the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kotli No. 2024/599-605/ dated 06-06-2024, stating that in the light of the contents of the application and order, action should be taken under the law so that there is no risk of disturbing the law and order situation.

**District Magistrate, Kotli**