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### **DID YOU KNOW**

#### AHMADIS FACE THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAWS FOR:

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

AHMADIS HAVE TO DECLARE THEMSELVES NON-MUSLIM

TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AND STAND FOR ELECTION

### **HIGHLIGHTS**



### **DURING 2024 SO FAR**

- One Ahmadi murdered for his faith, another Ahmadi survived a murder attempt.
- Three Ahmadiyya mosques desecrated by the police, another
   Ahmadiyya mosque attacked.
- 100 gravestones destroyed by the police and unknown attackers.
- Burial of an Ahmadi deceased denied by the TLP
- One Ahmadi booked under anti-Ahmadi law PPC-298-C, that carries three-year imprisonment.
- The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan were compelled to boycott the Pakistan General Elections.
- Six Ahmadi teachers transferred due to their faith.

The persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan continues unabated, with April 2024 witnessing harrowing incidents. One family had to be relocated due to life-threatening dangers as opponents gathered outside their home, chanting,

### "These people deserve to be killed."

Activists from Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) demanded the demolition of a minaret on an Ahmadiyya mosque and the removal of Kalima from tombstones. Shockingly, the DPO assured them both demands would be met.

Ahmadis in Gujranwala and Faisalabad faced severe difficulties gathering for Eid prayers.

In Attock, two Ahmadiyya graves were desecrated by unknown assailants.

An Ahmadi student was labeled an infidel in an examination hall, had his Quran translation and Islamiat papers confiscated, and was expelled from the exam.

In Kot Lakhpat, Lahore, an Ahmadi school owner was targeted via the voters' list, resulting in a campaign urging Muslims to withdraw their children from his school.

These incidents highlight the dire need for intervention to protect the rights and lives of the Ahmadi community in Pakistan.

This unsettling escalation of persecution prompts urgent questions, demanding the attention and intervention of both the international community and Pakistani authorities. It is imperative to address and curb this alarming trend of religious intolerance to uphold the principles of justice and equality.

<sup>\*</sup> Since the promulgation of Ordinance XX

### THREAT TO LIFE

JAURIANWALA, DISTRICT HAFIZABAD; APRIL 2024

There is only one Ahmadi household in this village. For the last few weeks, the local mulla has been busy inciting the people against the Ahmadis. "These people deserve to be killed (Wajib ul Qatl), and it is rewarding (in the Hereafter) to kill them," he said. He targeted them again in his Friday sermon on 26th April. Subsequently, a crowd assembled at

the Ahmadi's house. They expressed anti-Ahmadiyya rage and sentiments there. In these circumstances, the family called the police, who rescued them from the crowd and took them to the police station.

The victims are now residing temporarily elsewhere with relatives.

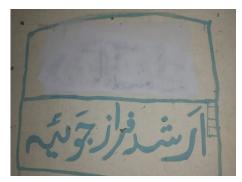
## AGITATION IN THATTHA JOIYA, DISTRICT SARGODHA

THATTHA JOIYA, DISTRICT SARGODHA; APRIL 6, 2024

Tehreek-e-Labbaik activists held a meeting with the DPO and SSP of Sargodha in the DPO office. During the meeting, Tehreek-e-Labbaik demanded the demolition of the minaret built on the Ahmadiyya mosque in Thattha Joiya, and the removal of the Kalima Tayyiba (the Islamic creed) from tombstones. The DPO assured them of the removal of the minaret and the "Kalima Tayyiba". Tehreek-e-Labbaik audaciously told the administration that if there were any

laxity from the administration's side, they would themselves take action.

Previously, on January 4, 2024, the police erased the Kalima Tayyiba written on the Ahmadiyya place of worship in Thattha Joiya and the words "Masha Allah" written outside the house of the president of the local Ahmadiyya community. They erased "Bismillah" from another place as well.







Pictures of previous incidents of January

# TWO AHMADIYYA GRAVES VANDALIZED

KASRAAN, DISTRICT ATTOCK; APRIL 12, 2024

Unidentified miscreants destroyed two gravestones in Ahmadiyya graveyard, and partially damaged others.

In Eid ul Fitr sermon, a local religious leader spoke against the Ahmadi community.



He said that Ahmadis were not allowed to practice Islam (sic) according to the Constitution of Pakistan. He accused them of writing Kalima in their places of worship and graveyards, which he claimed was forbidden. He urged Muslims to

monitor and oppose such actions. We will make every possible effort to guard the honour of the Prophethood and the belief in the end of the Prophethood, he added. Worshippers supported this with slogans and the follow-up action thereafter.



# FREEDOM OF RELIGION MADE HIGHLY PROBLEMATIC AT EID

APRIL 2024

Mullas and authorities tried to bar Ahmadis from offering Eid prayer in Gujranwala and Faisalabad; they approached the authorities in this regard. In District Hafizabad, after the Eid prayer, opponents gathered outside the Ahmadiyya mosque and chanted slogans against the community. When the authorities were informed, the mob dispersed. Similarly, in Qasur city, the time for Eid prayer was set for 5:50 AM, but opponents gathered outside the Ahmadiyya mosque at 5:15 AM and began shouting slogans. Ahmadis had to make alternate arrangements.

In Adhowali, District Faisalabad, Ahmadis were coming out of their mosque after offering the Eid prayer when some activists of the notorious Tehreek-e-Labbaik (TLP) took pictures and filed a complaint at the Dijkot police station. Upon this, the police came, noted the addresses of the mentioned Ahmadis, and left. Later, on April 12, the police summoned them to the police station. They went to the police station along with five non-Ahmadi seniors, including the counsellor, the chairman, and the vice-chairman of the union council. The opponents began chanting slogans upon seeing them. The SHO was not present, and his assistant, an ASI stated that the SHO would handle the case himself, but TLP agitators continued to put pressure on the ASI and behaved

rudely with him. They handed over some demands to the police. At this, the Ahmadis requested a two-day time. On April 14, a community delegation was summoned, and the local Ahmadiyya president went to the Dijkot police station. Opponents there were rude to the SHO. The SHO forwarded the matter to the Superintendent of Police (SP) for further action. The District President of the Ahmadiyya community met the Regional Police Officer (RPO) of Faisalabad and informed him of the entire situation. So, the RPO told the SP over the phone that the police cannot prevent anyone from worshipping. If there is any unlawful activity, it should be dealt with accordingly. The SP then sent for the Ahmadi delegation. Opponents were also present on this occasion; they were not willing to listen at all. The SP informed them that a Supreme Court decision allows Ahmadis to worship within their walls. However, the opponents continued to threaten the authorities with roadblocks. The parties were then summoned to the SP's office in Samanabad.

Similarly, some clerics stood at some distance from the Ahmadiyya mosque in 84-JB, Sir Shamir, after the Juma prayer. They intercepted a passing Ahmadi and asked him if he was coming after offering prayer and the purpose those people had gathered there. The Ahmadi avoided a direct answer, and went away.

# BLATANT DISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOL AGAINST AHMADI

CHAH AHMADIYAN WALA, DISTRICT MULTAN; APRIL 2024

Sajid Ahmad is a student of class 9. He was denied participation in his Board exams in subjects of "Tarjumatul Quran" and "Islamiat". When his admission was in process, one of his teachers Muhammad Ajmal labelled him an 'infidel' in front of other students and made the issue of roll-

number slip problematic.

On the exam day, both of his papers were taken back from him, and he was made to leave the examination hall after being labelled an 'infidel'.

# HATE CAMPAIGN AGAINST AHMADI SCHOOL OWNER — IDENTIFIED THROUGH SEPARATE VOTERS LIST

KOT LAKHPAT, LAHORE; APRIL 2024

Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad Butt, an Ahmadi, is running a private educational institution here named "Imtiaz Public School". It enjoys good reputation. A campaign is underway against this school on the grounds of the faith of its owner.

Mr. Butt was identified from the electoral list of 2023 (Qadiani males) and a campaign was launched against him with the title "Important Announcement".

This announcement was published in various social media outlets. The announcement stated that "Imtiaz Public School on Piko Road, Kot Lakhpat, is owned by Imtiaz Butt, a staunch Qadiani. His credentials as a Qadiani have been confirmed through the Qadiani voters list. This school, run by this infidel since 1960, has likely corrupted the faith of countless Muslim children. For God's sake... parents whose children attend this school should immediately pull them out to safeguard their faith. Share this message with all your Muslim brothers and sisters for the protection of our children's faith. Long Live the Bearer of the Crown of Khatme Nabuwwat! Cursed be Qadianiyat!"

Mr Imtiaz Ahmed Butt is old and rarely visits his school; the school system is administered by his children. The name of his son Mr. Mashhood Ahmed Butt is also included in the said announcement.

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خداراً ... جن کے بچے اُس سکول میں پڑھتے ہیں وہ فورا اپنے بچوں کو اس سکول سے ہٹا لیں اور اپنے بچوں کے ایمان کی حفاظت کریں ۔ جلدی اپنے تمام مسلمان بہن بھائیوں بچوں کے ایمان کی حفاظت کیلئے اس پیغام کو زیادہ سے زیادہ شیئر کریں۔

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Injuring or defiling places of worship, with the intent to insult the religion of any class

Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs

Defiling, etc., of the Holy Quran

Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet

295 A
295 B
295 C

Up to two years' imprisonment or fine, or both

Up to ten years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Life imprisonment

Death and fine

Uttering words, etc., with the deliberate intent to injure religious feelings

Use of derogatory remarks etc., in respect of holy personages

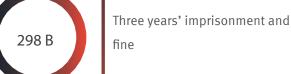
Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles etc., reserved for certain holy personages or places, by Ahmadis

An Ahmadi, calling himself a Muslim, or preaching or propagating his faith, or outraging the religious feelings of Muslims, or posing himself as a Muslim



Up to one year imprisonment or fine, or both

Three years' imprisonment, or fine, or both



Three years' imprisonment and fine

### AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

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 in Pakistan.

Pakistan's Cyber Crime Department, Lahore which works under Federal Investigation Agency arrested Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad 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. Now a Statutory Bail application is being filed for these individuals before the Court of law. The statutory ground here means 'trial not concluded within 2 years of the arrest of the accused'.

The trial did not provide complete copies of documents appointed with Police Report under section 173 CrPC. The accused filed application before trial court for providing complete documents. The trial court dismissed the application. The Accused filed Criminal Revision against the order which is pending before the Lahore High Court, Lahore.

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 of Pakistan.

Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020, in a fabricated case under Sections 295-B, 298-C, PECA-11, and 109 with FIR No: 77/20. He was granted bail on February 23, 2021, and was expected to be released in four to five days after the paper formalities. The trial court has acquitted Mr. Malik Zaheer in this case. On February 27, when Malik Zaheer Ahmad was expected to be released from the Camp Jail, Lahore the FIA with malefide intention re-arrested him under FIR No: 88 (the said case is outlined above) under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, and PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in this case.

His bail plea was rejected by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. His bail on statutory ground has been dismissed by Additional Session's Judge, Lahore Mr. Nawaz Bhatti. Currently the bail application is pending before the Lahore High Court, Lahore. The accused filed application for his acquittal under section 265K CrPC. This application was recently dismissed by the trail court.

### As of April 30, 2024:

- 4 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- 24 Fabricated cases against
   133 Ahmadis were registered
   during 2023.
- 13 Ahmadis were arrested during August 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid.
- 26 Ahmadis were nominated in
   6 cases and 7 were arrested in
   2023.
- A 65 year old Ahmadi lady and another Ahmadi were arrested under blasphemy clauses during February for allegedly tearing off an anti-Ahmadiyya poster. They both were released on bail. Their trial continues.
- 2 Ahmadi prisoners died while in police custody (Feb. 2021 & Jan 2022.)

### ALARMING FACTS

### SINCE JANUARY 2022

- · 5 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 278 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 16 murder attempts, 10 attacks during 2022, 5 attacks during 2023, 1 attack during 2024
- · 2 Ahmadi prisoners died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- · Police case against 107 and 133 Ahmadi Muslims were registered in 2022 and 2023 respectively.
- 51 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws, 26 of these were registered during 2022 and 24 in 2023. One Ahmadi arrested under PPC 298-C in Jan 2024.
- · 20 Ahmadis were arrested for sacrificing animals on Eid. 26 Ahmadis were nominated in 6 cases in 2023.
- 56 Ahmadiyya mosques desecrated, 14 in 2022 and 39 in 2023. 3 places of worship sealed during 2023. 4
   Ahmadiyya mosque desecrated in 2024, so far.
- 397 graves have been desecrated, 197 of these were during 2022 and 100 in 2023. 100 gravestones
  desecrated so far in 2024.

### **AHMADI CENSORSHIP**

- The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has blocked 20 non-Pakistan based foreign
  websites affiliated with the worldwide community and properly registered in their respective
  countries. PTA has also issued notices to their operators with criminal prosecution for violating
  Pakistan's blasphemy and anti-Ahmadiyya laws. According to PTA any website that portrays
  Ahmadis as Muslims will be blocked in Pakistan.
- Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has ordered that Ahmadi channels (MTA) should not be carried by any distribution service licensee.
- In 1996, the government of Punjab issued a notification to return all nationalized educational
  institutions, that affected the community's 8 Schools and 2 colleges which were nationalized
  in 1972. Despite fulfilling all terms and conditions, and regardless of repeated requests and
  numerous reminders, the community's institutions are not denationalized.
- The entire population of Rabwah i.e. Ahmadiyya headquarters in Pakistan, was charged under section PPC 298-C on Dec. 15, 1989, and again on June 8, 2008. (Rabwah population is approximately 60,000.)
- The government has banned all outdoor rallies & conferences of Ahmadis in Rabwah.
- · The government of Punjab has banned the publishing of the Quran and its translation
- · The government of Punjab has banned the entire written works of the Founder of Ahmadiyyat.
- Ahmadiyya daily newspaper and periodicals for women, youth, children and elders were banned by a Punjab government notification.
- Authorities have prohibited sports events organized at a community level.

### RIGHT TO VOTE FOR AHMADIS

IN PAKISTAN

TO PARTAKE IN ELECTIONS AHMADI MUSLIMS ARE PLACED ON A SEPARATE ELECTORAL LISTS, THEY ARE GIVEN THE CHOICE:

- 1. REMAIN ON THE LIST AND VOTE AS A NON-MUSLIM (REQUIRES TO ACCEPT NON-MUSLIM STATUS)
- 2. COME OFF THAT LIST AND VOTE AS A MUSLIM (REQUIRES TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION)

BOTH CHOICES ARE INCONCEIVABLE TO AHMADI MUSLIMS

#### DECLARATIONS BY THE CANDIDATE ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

(iii) I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophet-hood of Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), the last of the Prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

[Note: This paragraph is for Muslim candidates only and is not applicable to non-Muslim candidates.]

# DECLARATION AND OATH TO REGISTER AS A MUSLIM VOTER ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

(Name & Signature of Voter)

### NATIONALIZATION OF AHMADI

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

- 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.
- In 1996, the Government of Punjab issued a notice giving the owners of nationalized educational institutions the option to regain control of their institutions upon fulfillment of certain criteria and in fact 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.
- 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.
- The community thus 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.

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 HAO, 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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