

Reports on Urdu Press and Ahmadiyyat – annual

2010

Ahmadis' human rights and the national Urdu press

Rabwah: This month Press Section of the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya issued its annual report: Anti-Ahmadiyya news published by the Urdu newspapers – 2010. It makes interesting reading.

The report was restricted to the major Urdu national dailies. During the year 2010, it was a matter of routine again for the Urdu papers to print anti-Ahmadiyya statements and hate-promoting news in bold headlines. However, no paper had the courage to print the Ahmadiyya viewpoint. In 2008, one thousand and thirty-three such news items appeared in the press; these increased in 2009 to one thousand, one hundred and sixteen items, and in 2010 these increased further to one thousand four hundred and sixty-eight. Almost all of these were prejudiced, hate-promoting and some even fabricated. The daily Nawa-i-Waqt (Editor: Majeed Nizami) printed the most news at 237 i.e. one almost every other day. The daily Ausaf (Editor: Mahtab Khan) stood second, and the daily Pakistan (Editor: Mujib ur Rahman Shami) was in third position.

Mullas are in the habit of making slanderous statements. These are published without any verification. As a result, common folk get agitated and inflict physical and costly harm upon Ahmadis. As a result of such provocation and hateful propaganda ninety-nine Ahmadis were murdered last year for their faith.

A few of these headlines are translated below:

- Qadianis are rebels of the country and the *millat* (Islamic society).** Ilyas Chinioti
The daily Ausaf, Lahore; Jan 14, 2010
- Qadianis and Blackwater are responsible for terrorism in Pakistan.** Ataul Muhaiman
The daily Jang, Lahore; Oct 24, 2010
- Qadianis should be expelled from the country.** Maulvi Faqir Muhammad
The daily Aman, Faisalabad; Jun 10, 2010
- Qadianis are our enemies and rebels of the country and the *Millat* (Islamic society).** Abdul Latif
The daily Express, Faisalabad; June 24, 2010
- Qadianis holding key posts are responsible for discord between the army, the judiciary and the democratic forces.** Khatme Nabuwwat conference
The daily Pakistan, Lahore; Oct 16, 2010
- Country-wide processions against blasphemous caricatures. America and Qadianis are the greatest blasphemers.** Ulama Karam (mullas)
The daily Ausaf, Lahore; Jun 13, 2010
- Qadianis are heretics, apostates and must be killed.** Allama Abdur Rasheed Bilal
The daily Islam, Lahore; June 19, 2010
- The penalty of death for apostasy should be imposed.** Maulvi Faqir Muhammad
The daily Nawa-i-Waqt, Lahore; Sep 7, 2010
- etc. etc.

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Rabwah: The Press Section of the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya issued its annual report (2008) on “**Anti-Ahmadiyya news published by the Urdu newspapers**”. It gives facts and figures, and makes interesting reading.

The survey was restricted to only the major Urdu national dailies. During the year 2008, it remained a routine with the Urdu papers to print anti-Ahmadiyya statements and hate-promoting news in bold headlines. However, no paper had the courage to print the occasional Ahmadiyya explanation. In year 2007, nine hundred and seventy four such news items appeared in the press, but in 2008 it went up to one thousand and thirty three items. Almost all of these were prejudiced, hate-promoting and false propaganda. The daily Nawa-i-Waqt (Editor: Majeed Nizami) led this band by printing 465 news, while in 2007 it printed 235 news against Ahmadiyyat. The daily Jang stood second (founded by Mir Khalil ur Rehman), and the Daily Express was at close third.

Mullas are in the habit of making provocative statements. These are published without any verification. As a result, common folk get agitated and inflict physical and costly harm upon Ahmadis. As a result of such provocation and hateful propaganda six Ahmadis were murdered last year for their faith, while eleven have been murdered this year (2009).

A few of these headlines whose photocopies have been printed in that report are translated below for the information of our readers:

Qadianis are not loyal to the country, nation and Islam. ‘Sajid Mir’

The daily Jang, Lahore; May 27, 2008

Qadianis are enemies of Islam and Pakistan.

Shadabi Raza, Mufti M. Sadeeq

The Daily Express, Lahore; June 2, 2008

Our drive will continue till the end of Qadianiat. (Aalami Khatme-e-Nabuwat Conference)

The daily Pakistan, Lahore; September 9, 2008

The centenary celebration of Qadianiat is a conspiracy to destroy the peace of the country - Ulema

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt, Lahore; May 24, 2008

Qadianis are involved in the publication of blasphemous cartoons.

Abu Bakr Madni

The Daily Express, Lahore; April 17, 2008

Cases should be registered against Qadiani students of the PMC

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt, Lahore; June 30, 2008

600 Qadianis of Pakistan recruited in Israeli Army

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt, Lahore; October 16, 2008

And many more.