

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

News Report January 2012

Ahmadi murdered for his faith

Sarai Norang, Bannu; January 23, 2012: Mr. Dawood Ahmad S/O Mr. Muhammad Shafi, aged 55 was killed by unknown persons riding motorcycles.

Two motorcycle riders shot him while he was going to the market at about 09:45. They fled after the attack.

Mr. Ahmad was a harmless man who had no personal vendetta with anyone. He is survived by his wife.

A big Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held in Sarai Norang a few days earlier on January 17, 2012 in which the crowd was harangued against the Ahmadiyya community. This murder could be the result of that instigation.

Ahmadi killed in Baluchistan

Harnai: It is learnt that Mr. Muhammad Aamir was shot dead in his clinic at about 7 p.m. on December 1, 2011. As the town of Harnai where he died is located in a remote part of that vast province and there is no functional Ahmadiyya organization there, the news of his death took long to reach Rabwah.

Mr. Aamir practiced medicine; he was married and left behind a 10-years old daughter and a five years old son, both school-going. His wife worked as a lady health visitor in the local hospital.

Mr. Aamir joined Ahmadiyyat in 1994. He was a practicing Ahmadi. He was reputed to be a decent and good man.

Ahmadiyya place of worship in Rawalpindi faces deadly threat

Rawalpindi: We filed in the October news report a story under the heading: **A major mischief brewing against Ahmadiyya central mosque in Rawalpindi**. The mischief has turned into an agitation that is almost at the boiling point.

In this vicious drive the mulla has co-opted the bazaar, some politicians and, of course, the vernacular press. Since our last report the agitators have made concerted efforts to have this place of worship closed down. The authorities have not responded in a firm manner to the threat and seem to only wish that the noise will die down. It has not.

On January 3, the right-wing daily Nawa-i-Waqt published the news that a meeting of clerics had been called for January 10 to decide upon the next course of action.

In the meeting they decided to put up banners and take out a procession on January 18 and demand a closure of the Ahmadiyya center by January 22, failing that, January 29 will be the decisive date when this place of worship will be destroyed. **“Deniers of the End of Prophethood, Blasphemers of the Prophet, Apostates, Qadianis’ center of apostasy at E-69: Protest Rally (by) Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat,”** displayed the banners. The authorities did not remove these despite their hateful and provocative call.

Sharjeel Mir, a local businessman is in the forefront as the leader of the loathsome campaign. Reportedly he met Mian Nawaz Sharif in this context. The issue has been craftily linked to *Namus Risalat* (the honour of the Prophet).

On January 29, the public was exhorted through loudspeakers fitted on vehicles to join the open-air gathering ‘against Qadianis’. Approximately four to five thousand men attended the

gathering. The speakers outpoured a great deal of slander and filth against the Ahmadi community. They mentioned the murder of Governor of Taseer and stated that Ahmadis will meet the same fate.

The leaders of the agitation announced that Ahmadis will not be allowed to offer their prayers at the Centre next Friday, the 4th February. "First we shall have this centre at Rawalpindi closed; this will be followed by such closures all over the country subsequently," they said.

Ahmadi elders had conveyed their concern and position to the authorities all along. Their opponents seem to avail of the unstable political situation in the country to demand the closure of this Centre. In this they have sought help from religious bodies, unscrupulous politicians, the right-wing press and politically ambitious businessmen.

The Express Tribune of January 30, 2012 reported that 'many participants held portraits of Mumtaz Qadri'. "Arranged by trading associations, the protest was attended by activists from Jamaat-ud-Dawa, Jamaat Islami, Sipah Sahaba and Ahle Sunnat Jamaat," it added. On January 21, this newspaper filed a report that Hafiz Saeed (leader of JuD) appealed to all Muslim brothers to gather at HFH at noon on January 29 to force the Ahmadis to close all acts of worship in the locality. JuD and Sepah Sahaba are banned organizations for their terrorist activities.

Next: The Ahmadiyya mosque in Chiniot

Chiniot: Another Ahmadiyya place of worship targeted most recently is in Chiniot, ten kilometers from Rabwah. Maulvi Muhammad Hussain Chinioti has taken the lead here to deny worship of Allah to Ahmadis.

This mulla has issued posters and written a letter to the DCO. He claims that since the promulgation of the anti-Ahmadi amendment to the constitution there are no Qadianis left in Chiniot - a few converted into Islam, others have departed. The mulla did not realize that this was self-incrimination on behalf of the majority community and the state. In fact, he is a liar; Ahmadis have not fled from Chiniot nor have they converted to mulla Muhammad Hussain's version of Islam. They are there in Chiniot.

These mullas are well-versed in the art of mischief and agitation. In addition to the posters and a letter to the DCO, he has organized regular anti-Ahmadi *dars* in some of the mosques in the city. On January 27, 2012 he delivered Friday sermon on the subject. He is in contact with the local vernacular press too.

In a meeting called by the DCO to ensure peace on the birthday of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.), this mulla demanded that the Ahmadiyya mosque be sealed forthwith. The DCO promised that he would look into this matter and directed the police to make inquiries.

The DPO sent the case to the SHO City. He sent two policemen to the Ahmadiyya mosque to investigate. As the Ahmadi community president was not available, he was conveyed to report to the police station at 4 p.m.

In the afternoon the Ahmadi delegation called on the SHO who sent a police official to visit the mosque and the Ahmadis in the neighborhood. He did that, and told Ahmadis to report at the police station the next day at 11 a.m.

At the police station, the SHO told the Ahmadi delegation to provide a list of all Ahmadi residents of Chiniot, their home addresses, their family strength and the documentary proof of ownership of the mosque. A tall order. The SHO also demanded that Ahmadis provide a sworn statement of the non-Ahmadis in the area that they have no objection to the Ahmadiyya worship there and that no Ahmadi comes from Rabwah to the mosque for worship. An SHO would not dare even to suggest such demands to the management of a non-Ahmadis' mosque in Pakistan. Whither equality of citizenship in Pakistan, as enshrined in the Constitution!

The next day, an inquiry official came over to the mosque. He appeared to be a judicious man. He obtained statements from five non-Ahmadis of the locality that they had no objection to

the Ahmadiyya worship at the location. Later the police sent for an Ahmadi delegation, and obtained the following statement from all the ten Ahmadis on separate sheets of paper:

“Statement of.....S/o.....caste.....resident of....., Chiniot.
This Ahmadiyya Bait-uz-Zikr in Rajewali is in Ahmadiyya possession for the last hundred years where we worship. We do not indulge in any meetings against others nor do we undertake any objectionable activity here. Heard and agreed.
Signature with date.....”

Ahmadis provided the ownership documents. This is where the case rests – for the moment.

Life-threatening visits in the provincial capital

Gulshan Iqbal, Lahore; December 20, 2011: Someone tried to open the main gate of Ch. Nasir Ahmad’s house at 11 p.m. When he asked the visitor his identity, he did not disclose it and drove back on his motorcycle. Again at about midnight someone knocked at the door vigorously with a stone. Ahmad did not attend to the caller.

A few days earlier, on December 17, 2011 someone fired four shots in the air in front of his house to harass him.

Mr. Nasir Ahmad has been advised to take all possible security precautions.

The state now assigns Ahmadis a religion of its own choosing

One absurdity often leads to another. In 1974, ‘Not-Muslim’ status was imposed upon Pakistani Ahmadis through a constitutional amendment. This led to a series of irrational, uncivilized, unethical and unsupportable official and societal actions against Ahmadis in the following years. This continues to date. The latest is assignment of a pseudo religion to Ahmadis.

We have learnt that NADRA has adopted the policy of entering religion ‘Qadiani’ for Ahmadis in its computerized national identity card forms. On a form prepared at NADRA center CHINIOT for an Ahmadi, entry No 15 is written in Urdu as “15 *Mazhab* (religion) Qadiani”.

It is relevant to assert that there is no such religion as ‘Qadiani’. It is a home-made corrupted invention of a NADRA brain. It is not within the powers and jurisdiction of NADRA to devise religions and assign them to citizens.

Absurdities should not be indulged in by any office of a government.

Police does the mulla’s bid

Township, Lahore; January 2, 2012: Rana Mumtaz Ahmad, Ahmadi received a phone call from the local SHO that mullas had put up an application against him and Rana Abdul Rasheed. Ten minutes later approximately 50 men gathered outside his house in the company of a policeman. Most of them looked like mullas. A boy climbed over the ladder to the roof and started breaking the tile of *MashAllah* (What God wills). Rana Mumtaz complained to the SHO on phone, at which he called back all of them. Other residents of the neighborhood supported the Ahmadi against this outrage.

Later the SHO told Rana Mumtaz on phone that the mulla of the Aisha mosque Muslim Town and Township had complained against him that the tiles of *Kalima*, *Bismillah* (in the name of God) and *MashAllah* were fixed on their houses. The mullas had also submitted the photos along with a copy of the (anti-Ahmadiyya) ordinance. The SHO told him to remove these tiles before sunrise. It is relevant to mention that the law does not forbid Ahmadis the use of phrases *Bismillah*, *MashAllah* etc.

Thereafter the SHO came to the site. Rana Mumtaz told him that those tiles were mounted in 1983, prior to the promulgation of the Ordinance; he would not remove them nor would he allow any private person to do that.

The SHO contacted his superior, the DSP who came over to the location. At about 11:30 p.m. the SHO tasked a mason who hammered down the tiles of Islamic phrases in the presence of the police.

An outrage – by state officials!

Another Ahmadi kidnapped

Bazidkhel, Peshawar; January 10, 2012: Sahibzada Naveedur Rahman S/O Mr. Hameedur Rahman went to his work in the morning and could not be traced thereafter. Probably he has been kidnapped. He is 40 years old. He is married and has two children. He was working in the German consulate as a driver.

Previously Mr. Mushtaq of Achini Payan, Peshawar was kidnapped and is still missing. His kidnappers are negotiating his terms for release. Similarly Mr. Shah Muhammad and his son were kidnapped from Kotli, AJK and have not been traced to-date.

An attempt to kidnap in Azad Kashmir

Kotli, AJK; December 23, 2012: Azad Kashmir has a very poor record as regards Ahmadis' human rights and freedom of faith. Many of its political leaders unabashedly liaise with extremist mullas and make public statements against Ahmadi citizens. It is not surprising that Ahmadis feel unsafe and persecuted in that sensitive corner of the planet. A recent incident is indicative of the state of law and order there.

Professor Tariq Chaudhri, an Ahmadi resident of Kotli was sitting at a friend's shop in town when he saw a motor cyclist pass in front, a few times, as if looking for someone.

Mr. Chaudhri got up to go home but stopped at another shop to buy something when he saw the same motor-cyclist drive to and fro. Mr. Chaudhri felt he was being pursued. He started walking to his house when he saw two cars parked on the road-side. There were a few men in one of these.

Mr. Chaudhri walked past when this car started, overtook him and stopped right in front of him. Mr. Chaudhri sensed danger, so he rushed to enter the nearest house. At this, the thugs drove away and the professor escaped getting kidnapped.

Ten days later a man knocked at his door at 6 a.m. He said that he had come from the telephone exchange to fix his phone. The visitor misquoted his phone number. He was told that he was at the wrong location, but then he wanted to check the wires passing over Mr. Chaudhri's house, who refused to let him do that.

The same day at about 8 a.m. the professor found the following note at his gate.

"We people watch all your movements. Don't think you are too clever for us. Son (sic), we kidnapped Dr Shah Muhammad (an Ahmadi) at night; we shall kidnap you in broad daylight. You people will not be able to stop us. We follow you all the time. We kept the doctor alive for days, but wouldn't allow you even two days. You will receive our note this morning."

Frightening, *n'est-ce pas?*

Religion-based hostility at schools

Green Town, Lahore; January, 2012: Mr. Mubashir Ahmad Nasir and his family have encountered troublesome religious discrimination at school. His wife was a teacher in Iqbal Memorial High School, while his children were students there. When the staff came to know of their Ahmadiyyat, an agitation started in the school. The propaganda and hate drive was a torture to them. The school administration fired his wife from her job and expelled his children from the school. He then had his children admitted in a government school but the situation there was not much better. He had to shift his children to another private school. All this has been traumatic for the family.

The teen-ager falsely accused of blasphemy

Khushab: Last month we had reported the plight of a school boy Rana Sajeel Ahmad who was implicated by clerics in a fabricated accusation of blasphemy. The school administration and the police co-operated with the mullas to placate him and had the boy charged under PPC 295-C. Fearing for his life the family advised the lad to go into hiding. He, and his father therefore did not present themselves to the police.

The mullas would not allow their quarry to escape. They arranged two men to jump into the victim's house at night on January 2, 2012. They found there only a brother of the accused and his mother in addition to a family of Shia friends who had come there to show solidarity and support. The unwelcome visitors forced the visiting family into silence and isolated the accused's mother and brother to disclose the accused's whereabouts. Having failed in obtaining the desired information they left but not before threatening them of dire consequences. In the meantime, the neighbors had woken up, so the intruders decided to flee.

Wicked propaganda against Ahmadis

Larex Colony, Lahore; January 8, 2012: Someone disfigured the *Kalima* written on the tombstone of a *Pir* (saintly man) in Ghaziabad cemetery and added some names to it. The *Pir* was sympathetic to Ahmadis and was on friendly terms with them.

Some miscreants attributed the defiling to Ahmadis and raised hue and cry. Approximately 300 men gathered at the bus stop and shouted slogans against Ahmadis. Naseem Ullah, the local president of Jamaat Islami has taken the lead of this agitation and instigated people against Ahmadis. He has also used a TV channel, Power Plus for his profane drive.

The harsh reality of Khatme Nabuwat (KN) outfit

Islamabad: Khatme Nabuwat organizations pose that their sole purpose is to safeguard the dogma of the end of Prophethood. They claim that they are non-sectarian, non-violent, pious etc. However, their veneer is very thin and their clerics frequently betray their political, violent and profane colours. Here is a story related to the well-known Aasia Bibi's case that is indicative of KN clerics' activities. These excerpts are from The Express Tribune, Lahore of January 21, 2012.

Aasia Bibis case

Weighed down by guilt, blasphemy accuser mulls pulling back

Our correspondent

Islamabad

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b. Support from London

Qari (Salam), according to some of his close friends, was now thinking of not pursuing the case anymore and expressed his desire to some of his friends, only to find that himself in a different situation when activists of a religious organization convinced him not to change his mind.

"We will chase her through hell. don't worry about the money, hiring best lawyers," Salam told The Express Tribune, quoting the son of Khatme Nabuwat's London chapter's leader.

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c. Threatening the lawyers

A neutral trial of the case seems to be a foregone conclusion though, in the face of opposition by religious outfits like Khatm-e-Nabuwat and Tehrik-Hurmat-e-Rasul.

Activists of both organizations, individually closely associated with the case said, had been threatening not only the lawyers with dire consequences but also Salam for his purported backtracking on the case.

Billowing application of the notorious laws

Bad laws are found all over the world, but sensible nations, if unable to remove them from the statute books, make it a policy not to invoke them and leave them alone to fade away. Not in Pakistan. Here some elements in the officialdom and the society exert themselves to keep these alive, kicking and even active to do their harm to individuals and to the whole society. The blasphemy laws are well known to all in this category. Anti Ahmadi laws are also there, although many human rights activists decide to ignore them when preparing a list of bad laws.

Many people are not aware of the quantum of evil the anti-Ahmadi laws have delivered. Since the promulgation of Ordinance XX in 1984 by General Zia, thousands of Ahmadis had to face criminal charges based on religion. The entire population of Rabwah was once booked under PPC 298-C some years ago; the case has not been formally closed since. Two hundred and ninety-nine Ahmadis had to face fabricated accusations of blasphemy. An Ahmadiyya brief in September 2011 claimed that since 1984 not a single day had passed that an Ahmadi was not in prison on faith-based charges.

Recently, the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan compiled a compendium of police FIRs against Ahmadis. An FIR is a ‘first information report’ registered in a police station, which triggers police action and investigation. This compendium covered 911 pages till 2002 and the compilers had to stop so as to keep the tome manageable. A volume II will have to be compiled to include the FIRs of the past 10 years to bring it up-to-date.

Social boycott in Lahore

Lahore; January 2012: Anti-Ahmadiyya activism is on the rise in Lahore since the attacks on the two Ahmadiyya mosques in 2010. Anti-Ahmadiyya posters and banners are put up here and there and pamphlets are thrown inside Ahmadi homes. People are instigated against Ahmadis through various means. Two recent incidents of social boycott are mentioned below:

1. An Ahmadi woman was refused to buy an item at the Sunday market at Model Town, Link Road. The shopkeeper recognized her to be an Ahmadi from her *Burqa* (external clothing for Islamic women). “Go away; we do not sell our stuff to Qadianis,” said the vendor.
2. The widow of Sardar Iftikharul Ghani, who was martyred in the twin attacks on Ahmadiyya mosques in 2010, entered the International Market, M Block Model Town for shopping. The shopkeeper saw her *Burqa* and told her that he does not sell to Qadianis.

Plight of an Ahmadi headmistress

Badomalhi, Narowal; November 2011: Mullas are very active against Ahmadis in Badomalhi, Narowal. They spare no opportunity to harass Ahmadis. People are instigated against the Ahmadiyya community through Friday sermons and leaflets. Education sector has also been affected by this drive.

Ms. Bushra Latif the headmistress of Government High School is an Ahmadi. She is the only science lady teacher of repute in Badomalhi. She is a noble, sober, intelligent teacher, and a devoted Ahmadi. She has been targeted by mullas since long. Two hoodlums forced entry to her house on November 1, 2011. They harassed her and her two daughters at gunpoint for half an hour and looted some gold jewellery and cash. Previously in 2004 there was a robbery at her house, and in 2008 some unknown persons indulged in firing shots in the air outside her husband’s shop.

The lady has been advised to take special security precautions.

A Punjab minister and Blasphemy

Lahore; January 7, 2012: It is appropriate to place on record the views of a PML(N) minister of the Punjab government, expressed in the provincial Assembly. The Express Tribune of January 7, 2012 filed the following report (excerpts):

Planning and Development Minister Chaudhry Abdul Ghafoor on Friday said that peace and order in the province could not be guaranteed if blasphemy against the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) continued. He said the faithful would not always wait for court orders in such case.

Ghafoor suggested that the minority members should wait until the court decided Aasia Bibi's fate. He said, "If blasphemers continue, the society will produce another Ghazi Ilmiuddin Shaheed."

Earlier, Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti, a PML-N MPA from Jhang, during the debate over law and order situation, also said that minorities should refrain from discussing Aasia Bibi's case, till the court hearing her appeal gave its final verdict.

He was referring to a speech by Mali Perviz Rafique, an MPA on a reserve seat, on Thursday, in which he had expressed his reservations over the insecurity minority citizens in Punjab faced. He had also spoken in support of Aasia Bibi.

Rafique had demanded that the government do more to provide security to the minorities and their worship places. He had also appealed to the chief justice of Pakistan to act against the clerics who were publically supporting Mumtaz Qadri, the self-confessed killer of former Punjab governor Salman Taseer. Rafique regretted that Qadri was given 'protocol' in jail, while Aasia Bibi's life was in the 'barrack'.

Several minority members protested against Chinioti, a son of Maulana Manzoor Chinioti, a Tehreek-i-Khatme Nabuwat leader, and also sought to speak on a point of order. It was then that the speaker gave the floor to Ghafoor.

MPA Najmi Saleem condemned the minister's statement and accused the Punjab government of discrimination against minorities. She said that while minority members respected for the court, the MPL-N did not.

"It's strange that the honourable Muslim minister is talking about killing people, though his religion prohibits killings of innocent people," she said.

Ahmadiyya burial denied to an Ahmadi

Chak 370/TDA, district Layyah: Mr. Muhammad Yusuf Khokhar died here on January 12, 2012. He joined Ahmadiyyat four years ago in 2008. He was a practicing Ahmadi.

His Ahmadi friends visited the family to make appropriate arrangements for his final rites and burial. His clan, however, refused to allow Ahmadis to undertake burial formalities.

They asked a non-Ahmadi mulla to lead his funeral prayers, and had him buried.

In the interest of communal peace Ahmadis did not make it a big issue.

Threat to an Ahmadi

Mirpur Khas, Sindh; December 21, 2011: Mr. Saeed Ahmad S/O Mr. Abdul Majeed of Mirpur Khas is a local Ahmadi community official and is working in Brothers Pesticide Company as its regional manager, Hyderabad. He received a threatening sms message on his mobile phone. This sms was also sent to his colleagues in which they were urged to boycott Mr. Ahmad. The sender's name and address has been traced from Telenor (Cellular Company office) and Nadra office; these are as follows:

Mohammad Ramzan S/O Attai

Hussaini Road near Standard Chartered Bank Sukkhor

Computerized Identity Card no. 43504-0345757-3

Mr. Ahmad is disturbed after receiving this sms.

Burial problem for an Ahmadi

Talwandi Bindrah, Narowal; December 2012: Mr. Imdad Ali S/O Mr. Khursheed Ahmad joined Ahmadiyyat four years ago. He has three brothers and a sizable family. He has faced religious prejudice from his family since then. Mr. Ali is the only Ahmadi in the family. His newly born son died 8 days after his birth. He requested his elder brother to say *Azan* in the ears of his baby, an Islamic custom, but he refused and said that he would not say *Azan* in the ear of an infidel baby. When Mr. Ali's baby died he decided to give him an Ahmadiyya burial. His infuriated brother threatened him of grave consequences.

Mr. Ali is upset as his brothers, in league with mullas, are threatening to disinter his baby if he would not recant.

Problems for Ahmadis in the education sector

Roda, district Khushab; January 2012: Mr. Muhamad Yunus and Mr. Muhamad Azam own a school, Shad Academy in Roda, Khushab. This academy has earned a good reputation in the area due to the dedication of its proprietors in providing good education. A group has started opposing this enterprise. They have taken the anti-Ahmadiyya line to oppose it. A mulla Dilawar Muhajir is leading this campaign. Recently they published a provocative pamphlet against this academy and distributed it in the area. They met the parents of the children and urged them to shift them to other schools. The mulla did not get the desired response, so he took to threats. They pasted the following at the Academy's gate:

"Yunus Mirzai. Recant. We Deobandis have a lot of questions to which you Mirzais have no reply. You ought to be grateful to earn a living here. You'll have to flee if you do not recant. You misguide our children. If they come to know that you are a confirmed Mirzai, they will desert you. Children, tell Yunus Mirzai to read this."

A press report on Rabwah

Rabwah; January 2012: The daily Aman, Faisalabad of January 3, 2012 published the following news story about the plight of Rabwah at the hand of the town administration, (translation):

Chenab Nagar receives step-motherly treatment. Mujeeb Khan

Neither the government of Punjab pays any attention to the sad state of this unfortunate multi-faith city nor does the so-called Tehsil Municipal Administration care.

Shady TMA officials are least concerned about the problems of its citizens who pay all their taxes.

The entire city immerses in darkness due to lack of streetlights; nobody takes notice.

Chenab Nagar (Special Correspondent): A protest meeting of the Quaid-e-Azam Forum under the chairmanship of Ch. Rahmat Ali was held the previous day in which the step-motherly attitude of the government of Punjab and the TMA Chiniot was condemned. Mr. Mujeeb Khan the president of social and welfare organization said that the Punjab government and the so-called TMA Chiniot are least bothered about the problems of this multi-faith city and do not keep their promise of providing relief and welfare to its residents. Prof. Waqar Hussain described the sad state of the city and said that except only one road in the posh area all roads were in a dilapidated state and have ditches which cause many accidents. People get injured everyday in these accidents and have to be hospitalized. Despite all this, the Punjab government and the shady TMA officials pay no attention to provide relief to its citizens who pay their taxes

hundred percent. Ch. Rahmat Ali Bhatti said that the entire city remains in darkness due to absence of streetlights.

Bravo to Sheikhpura Police

Farooqabad, District Sheikhpura: A few Ahmadi households are found in the Siddique Abad neighborhood of Farooqabad. On behest of mulla Zaheerul Hassan Shah of Pasban Khatme Nabuwwat Unit, Zaheer Ahmad, a local shopkeeper posted a disfigured caricature of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Community in his shop and defiled it further when Ahmadi children visited his store. This was very provocative to the Ahmadi residents but they kept their calm, and reported the matter to high police officials.

The good DPO told the local SHO to take due notice of the outrage. The SHO recovered the caricature and arrested Zaheer Ahmad.

The local mullas formed a pressure group and called on the SHO. They demanded the accused's release and threatened violence. The SHO was not cowed down, instead he conveyed further action against all miscreants. The clerics gave up and sought peace. They approached Ahmadis and requested withdrawal of their complaint.

The Ahmadis were receptive. They told the SHO that all they wanted was peace and harmony in the society, and if the miscreants were sorry, Ahmadis would forgive them.

The SHO took a firm line. He told the miscreants to first remove all the provocative stickers from all over and then report to him in the police station. They did that and then gave a formal undertaking that they will no more indulge in mischief.

**Well done, the DPO Sheikhpura
And the SHO Farooqabad**

Ahmadi behind bars

Mr. Nusrat Ahmad of Goleki, district Gujrat was arrested in a fabricated murder charge. He was not even named in the FIR. His arrest is an afterthought of the interested mullas. The complainant family said, "We know that he is innocent, but he is a Mirzai (Ahmadi); if he recants we'll ask the police to set him free."

From the media

Jamaatul Dawa don't want Ahmadis praying in Pindi. Threaten rally on 29th to have community's religious centre shut down.

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; January 21, 2012

Large protest against Ahmadis in Rawalpindi. Many participants held portraits of Mumtaz Qadri

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; January 30, 2012

Maulana Ilyas Chinioti's meeting with Chief Minister's Principal Secretary

The daily Al-Sharaq, Lahore; January 29, 2012

NA record declaring Qadianis as minority declassified

The daily News, Lahore; January 21, 2012

Chenab Nagar is getting step-motherly treatment. Mujeeb Khan

The daily Aman, Lahore; January 21, 2012

Enrolment of Qadiani lecturers is a violation of anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance. Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema (of TKMN)

The daily Pakistan, Lahore; January 21, 2012

15 abducted FC soldiers brutally tortured, slain

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; January 6, 2012

Thirty dead in explosion at bus stand in Jamrud, Khyber Agency

The daily Mashriq, Lahore; January 11, 2012

- Khanpur: Bomb explosion in a (Shia) mourning procession kills 18, injures 20**
The daily Khabrain, Lahore; January 16, 2012
- Taliban video speaks of ‘revenge on military’**
The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 22, 2012
- Suicide bombers storm police building in DI Khan**
The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; January 15, 2012
- Three lawyers killed in Karachi sectarian attack**
The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 26, 2012
- Jihadis on the march again (in Rawalpindi)**
The rally was also attended by Jamaat-i-Islami chief Syed Munawar Hassan, Sardar Atiq Ahmad Khan, the president of Muslim Conference and former president of AJK and ex-COAS Gen (Retd) Aslam Beg.
The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 23, 2012
- Hakimullah (Mehsud of TTP) reported killed in Jan 12 drone attack**
The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 16, 2012
- Punjab Assembly: Blasphemers told to stop or ‘face consequences’. Minister (Abdul Ghafoor) says the faithful may not wait for judicial process.**
The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; January 7, 2012
- Co-ordinated attacks, gunfights kill 162 in Nigerian city. Boko Haran Muslim group had claimed responsibility for the violence.**
The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 22, 2012
- Islamists grab over two-third of seats in Egypt election**
The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 22, 2012
- Madhya Pradesh (India): 7 years’ imprisonment enacted for the serious crime of eating beef**
The Daily Express, Lahore; January 4, 2012
- Indonesia’s Islamic vigilantes turning to terror**
The daily News, Lahore; January 27, 2012
- Religious parties threaten to besiege parliament. Reopening of Nato supplies will be a step against Pakistan, says JI Chief**
The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; January 30, 2012
- Saudi women will be permitted to watch football - decision**
The daily Mashriq, Lahore; January 31, 2012
- Sharia compatible with human rights**
London: A leading barrister has called for the UK to become more Sharia literate, while arguing that Islamic law can be compatible with the toughest human rights legislation.
The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 18, 2012
- Sunni Tehrik becomes a political party**
The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 30, 2012
- 2011. Worst year for human rights in Pakistan. Army overshadows democracy. Human Rights Watch**
The daily Ausaf, Lahore; January 24, 2012
- Try Musharraf for treason, says Senate**
The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 24, 2012
- JUI-F rally a ‘referendum against US’**
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US let down by Sunni Ittehad

The US Department of State paid \$ 36,607 to the Sunni Ittehad Council during the US fiscal year 2009-10.

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Cleric sentenced to death in blasphemy case

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Ogra's moves robbed consumers of Rs. 70 billion

The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 31, 2012

Power cuts of 12 to 20 hours across country

The daily Dawn, Lahore; January 11, 2012

Op-ed: Generals play footsie with radicals

(With reference to the ultra-right rally in Lahore on December 18, 2011)

Any rational Pakistani should be worried. Worried that today a lethal battery of nuclear warheads lies surrounded by an enigmatic military now being carried on the shoulders of men who applaud murderers accused of 'blasphemy', spit obscenities on actresses visiting India but refuse to condemn those who have mercilessly slaughtered over 36,000 soldiers, civilians and women and children.

Nadeem Piracha of the daily Dawn

Op-ed: National paralysis

THAT a nation of 180 million people should sleepwalk towards the brink, as if under some kind of hypnosis, is frightening.

The nature and variety of challenges that we face today beggars the imagination, but the self-imposed paralysis persists to make the body politic a feast for predators. Pakistan, unclaimed and unattended is up for grabs, and beset with all sorts of social, political and economic destabilisers one can think of.

By Iqbal Jafar in the Dawn, Lahore; January 8, 2012

Op-ed: Muslim and minorities

Let me declare a personal interest here: I was educated by the good priests of St. Patrick's school in Karachi, and have nothing but respect for them. I counted Christians, Hindus and Parsis among my friends. Granted we have descended into a hell of our own making, but surely, civilized values must count for something, even with the ruling party in Punjab.

By Irfan Hussain in the daily Dawn, Lahore; January 28, 2012