

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

News Report April 2012

Defiling an Ahmadi's grave – with police support

Mirpur, Sindh; April 6, 2012: Local mullas raided the grave of Mr. Mansur Iqbal Rabbani, an Ahmadi, broke it up and took away the tombstone.

Mr. Rabbani had died sometime ago and was buried in his own land. A few other Ahmadis' graves are also located there. This land was subsequently sold to another party.

Recently Mr. Rabbani's son, Mr. Naushad Ahmad had the grave re-done and installed a new tombstone.

The mullas took note of this. They arrived with a group of miscreants, with a police van in support. They were harsh with the residents who live nearby, damaged graves, pulled out the new tombstone and took it away.

Ahmadi dead – buried and then exhumed by non-Ahmadis

Khanewal; April 19, 2012: Sheikh Ghulam Sarwar, Ahmadi, died on April 9, 2012. His non-Ahmadi brothers consulted a non-Ahmadi mulla and decided to undertake final rites and burial under their own arrangements. The Ahmadiyya community advised Mr. Sarwar's sons that as the deceased was an Ahmadi, his burial etc should be undertaken by Ahmadis, although if others wished to offer funeral prayer for the deceased, they could do so. However, the will of Mr. Sarwar's elder brother prevailed and they undertook the funeral prayer and buried him in the general graveyard.

A mulla who is from a different sect than that of the one who led the deceased's funeral prayer raised a hue and cry on the ground that an Ahmadi had been buried in a Muslim graveyard. He issued a *fatwa* that those who had offered funeral prayer for the deceased, would have their marriages annulled (*Nikah toot gia*), and would be out of the pale of Islam. This group told Mr. Sarwar's children to take out their father's dead body or they would exhume it themselves and throw it out. They threatened them with taking out a violent procession.

The deceased's children were left with no option but to seek Ahmadis' co-operation, which was extended to them in their plight. They were advised to proceed in accordance with the law. So they applied to a judge to allow exhumation and shifting of the dead body to an Ahmadiyya graveyard.

On the given date of April 19, a large number of mullas assembled in the court, where the judge authorized exhumation under police supervision and security.

The mullas, however, had their own plan of mischief. One who called himself 'Sadr (President) Khatme Nabuwwat' intended to proceed independently with exhumation. He was told of the court order that the exhumation would take place only under police supervision.

Later in the evening, the distressing and agonizing operation of disinterment took place in the presence of the police, intelligence agencies and media. "The process took place in the presence of thousands of people and religious leaders of the area," the daily Dawn reported the next day.

Seizure of Sargodha University by End of Prophethood activists

Sargodha; April 2012: A Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held in Sargodha on April 5, 2012. It was poorly attended, however it seemed that they planned some mischief against Ahmadi students. This materialized a few days later.

On April 8, some non-Ahmadi students sent SMS messages to Ahmadi male and female students, to the effect: “You are not Muslim, as such we have nothing to do with you. We shall not share hostel with you (*Ham sath nahin rahain gai*)”, etc.

On April 9, all the non-Ahmadi students of the Pharmacy Department observed a social boycott of Ahmadi class-mates. They put up anti-Ahmadiyya notices and stickers on class room black-boards. Some lecturers also provided the unbecoming lead in this sectarian agitation, and allowed mulla-type students to deliver anti-Ahmadiyya lectures to fellow students. These pseudo-clerics indulged in slander and calumny against Ahmadi leaders and called Ahmadis *Kafir* and *Kazib* etc.

On April 11, non-Ahmadi male and female students held a meeting in the evening. Thereafter, at about midnight non-Ahmadi girl students visited every room of the university hostel, pointed out Ahmadi girls and declared: “These girls are *Wajib-ul-Qatl* (must be killed); we shall not tolerate them,” etc. Ahmadi girls had a sleepless night. Likewise Ahmadi students of the Statistics Department faced a social boycott the next-day. Anti-Ahmadiyya literature was distributed among students and teachers.

Ahmadi elders have contacted university management and made enquiries. It is learnt that some miscreants who are not from the university are pulling the strings, and the university administration is not actively involved.

However, this is surely not the way to run a university.

A Kalima incident in Lahore

The Islamic catechism is called *Kalima*. It is a small statement in Arabic and it means: “There is none worthy of worship except Allah; Muhammad is His messenger.” Ahmadis profess the same Kalima; extremist mullas insist that Ahmadis should have a different Kalima; sometimes they misinform their followers by telling them that Ahmadis actually have a different Kalima, or when Ahmadis recite this Kalima they have a different prophet in mind than Muhammad (p.b.u.h.), etc.

During the days of General Zia, Ahmadis campaigned in public that Ahmadis have no other creed than the Kalima. The general reacted very harshly and ordered his police and security agencies to prevent Ahmadis from asserting their right to state their faith. As a result thousands were booked and hundreds suffered arrest and detention.

Pakistan’s constitution grants religious freedom to its citizens. The anti-Ahmadi laws imposed by General Zia can be interpreted by extremists to restrict this freedom to any extent. The mullas continue to harass Ahmadis accordingly; in this they enjoy the support of careerist officials who find it convenient to keep the mulla happy. Politicians tend to do the same.

Ahmadis had written the Kalima on the façade of their mosque, Dar-uz-Zikr in Garhi Shahu, Lahore. Many years ago the police, urged by mullas, had covered it up with planks. With the passage of time, the nails had become rusted and the planks came off. The Kalima can again be read from the exterior. Mullas took note of this.

On April 9, 2012, the police SHO telephoned Ahmadiyya Dar-uz-Zikr and left a message for the ‘responsible’ to see him in the police station at 4 p.m. At the given time the SHO was not available on phone. The next day he sent a written message. At the appointed time, the SHO was not present in the police station, so the Ahmadi elder talked to him on phone.

The SHO told the Ahmadis to cover up the Kalima. He was told that Ahmadis are committed to the Kalmia as this is their creed; they did not cover up the Kalmia, the police had done it; if the police want to do it again, it is up to them. The police, thereafter, conveyed to Ahmadis that they would come after the sunset to complete the task. Apparently they were

embarrassed to undertake this shameful task in daylight and be seen. They were told that only officials on duty (in uniform) would be allowed entry in Dar-uz-Zikr.

After dark had set in, the police arrived with tools. They were in uniform except one whom they claimed to be a corporal and indicated that he was the one who would cover up the Kalima. Ahmadis insisted that only a *bona fide* policeman in uniform would be allowed to go up the stairs. Accordingly, they went up and started bolting the planks. At that time, the sub-inspector in-charge of the detail received a phone call from some higher official who told him to take off the bolted plank and return to the police station. They did that. Thus ended, for the time being, this sordid incursion on the religious freedom of Ahmadis in Garhi Shahu, Lahore.

A few days later, mullas speaking at the Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Shalamar, Lahore on 21 April threatened that they would take up the Kalima issue in a big way and have the display torn down. Such a challenge from the clerics to the authorities is not surprising in view of the fact that it was the government of the Punjab that sponsored, organized and funded a big Khatme Nabuwwat conference in the Badshahi Mosque, Lahore on April 11, 2009. It was also addressed by the Federal Minister of Religious Affairs.

Anti-Ahmadiyya propaganda in high gear in the provincial capital of the Punjab

Lahore; April 2012: The anti-Ahmadiyya Khatme Nabuwwat faction became very active in Lahore in weeks prior to a major rally planned for April 21. A lot of activity was noticed in Tajpura, Shalamar, Gulshan Park, Miskeenpura; the most affected was Mughalpura.

In Mughalpura, half a dozen youth were seen at 2 a.m. pasting anti-Ahmadiyya posters on walls and throwing leaflets in homes. The students of Madrassah Jaffri in Zainul Abideen mosque were tasked to visit homes in daytime to tell the residents that Ahmadis are *kafir* and *wajib-ul-qatl*; boycott them, do no business with them; they should be finished off (*khatam kar dein*). The mosque organized a one-day course to that end. On April 9, they held an elaborate Khatme Nabuwwat conference in this mosque. Stalls were set up outside where anti-Ahmadi literature was available for sale and free distribution. Food was served, free of cost to the participants of the conference. The speakers used abusive language against Ahmadis. One of them minced no words: “Qadianis are Kafir, they are *wajib-ul-qatl* (must be killed); their killing is an act of great reward (*sawab*).” The youth attending the rally were made to declare on oath: *We dedicate our lives to defend the Divine faith so as to uproot Qadianiat*. The participants were told by a mulla that Ahmadis are enemies of both Islam and the country; they shall not be tolerated; Muslims, move into action and finish off Qadianis (*Mussalumano, maiden-e-amal mein utar aao aur Qadianion ko khatm kar do*); they are apostates and outside the pale of Islam. The audience were told of the major conference scheduled for April 21 in Shalamar Chowk and were urged to attend it.

Ghazi Abad in Tajpura, Lahore is a stronghold of the banned Sipah Sahaba. These people are rabidly anti-Ahmadiyya. The Sunni Tehrik and Ahle Hadith are also committed to anti-Ahmadi programs. They held conferences in the Tajpura area on April 13 and 14.

In Shalamar area, they held a conference on March 21 to herald the big event on April 21. They held another rally on April 14 in which a few dozen youth on motor cycles paraded the banners for the big conference. They put up a major poster in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Shalamar Town.

The mullas were active in Gulshan Park too to publicize the rally of April 21. They undertook wall-chalking and pasted posters in the area. They held a meeting in the Fatehgarh sector to plan anti-Ahmadiyya activities.

In Miskeenpura mosque, the mulla gives anti-Ahmadiyya sermon (*daras*) every day after the early morning prayer (*fajar*). The 21 April conference was publicized in Baghbanpura too.

The Ahmadiyya Community Lahore informed the city administration of all the above, and urged them to take preventive action. However, the authorities have their own perspective on the matter. Ahmadis took some self-defence measures as permitted by law and propriety, and turned to God for protection, through weekly fasts and extra daily prayers.

A rabid rally in Lahore

Shalamar Town, Lahore; April 21, 2012: Opponents of Ahmadiyyat held a big conference here after a great deal of publicity over the preceding month through banners, advertisements and stickers.

It started after the sunset prayers. Approximately 7000 attended the rally. It lasted until 3.30 a.m. A large number of mullas addressed the audience one after the other and attempted to outdo others in slander and provocation. The rally was supported by Sheikh Raheel Asghar an MNA of the PML(N) party. The JUI(F) also provided active assistance.

The mullas used very foul language against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community. They repeatedly termed Ahmadis *wajib-ul-qatl* (must be killed). Anti-Ahmadi slogans were raised and sectarian literature was distributed.

Almost the entire proceeding violated the law of the land. The police and officials of agencies were present. However, the higher policy was obvious: Ignore the law, if Ahmadis are targeted.

The mullas were unabashedly political as well in their speeches. In their press handout they mentioned the statements that: *“None will be permitted to succeed in the conspiracy to restore NATO supply line. It is a duty of the government to shoot down drones. Parliamentary efforts will continue to impose Islam. Ghazi Mumtaz Qadri should be released forthwith.”* The Nawa-i-Waqt; April 23, 2012

Following mullas addressed the conference: Abdul Majeed, Allah Wasaya, Zawwar Bahadur (JUP), Amjad Khan, Farid Piracha (JI), Zubair Zaheer, Fazlur Rahim, Hanif Jallandhri, Zahid ur Rashidi, Ajmal Qadri, Abdul Rauf Farooqi, Alam Tariq, Ziaullah Bokhari, Ismail Shujabadi, Abdul Shakoor Haqqani, Javaid ur Rahman Akhtar, Kafayatullah, Muhammad Hassan, Salman Gilani, Aziz ur Rehman Sani, Qasim Gujjar, Usman Qureshi, Ismail Muhammad, Ziaul Hassan Shah and Usman Ridwan. *The daily Jang, Lahore; April 24, 2012*

Air of general hostility in Lahore

Anti-Ahmadiyya activism is on the rise in the capital of Punjab. Authorities have been informed again and again but action is rarely taken to provide essential protection to Ahmadis. Some incidents are reported below briefly.

Iqbal Town, Lahore; March 26, 2012: Mr. Nazimuddin, an Ahmadi lives in Iqbal Town, Lahore. His wife went to the bazaar to buy some garments. She went into a shop; its keeper looked like a mulla. She herself was wearing a veil. The shopkeeper assessed her denominational identity. He asked her about her sect and told her that the shop next door was that of a *Mirzai* (Ahmadi) and *Mirzai* women often go to that shop. He also used bad language against Ahmadis. She replied him appropriately and left the shop. The mulla perhaps vented his anger that was caused by business competition.

Sabzazar, Lahore; April 2012: Mr. Waqas Ahmad, an Ahmadi worked in a multi-national company. Some mulla-type colleagues worked with him. When they learnt of Mr. Waqas's faith, they started conveying serious threats to him. They also intercepted him on the

way to his home, assaulted him and beat him up. Mr. Ahmad consequently had to migrate to another city. He lost his job for his faith. His children are still in Lahore. His brother lodged an FIR with the local police on his behalf.

Larex Colony, Shahdara, Lahore; March 30, 2012: Mr. Atif Sharif S/O Mr. Sharif Ahmad Dogar was returning home on March 30, 2012 when four armed mullas stopped him and threatened him of being killed. “Go away and don’t look back or you’ll be shot”, they told him.

Raiwind, Lahore; April 2012: Ahmadis are facing a social boycott in Raiwind, Lahore. Raiwind is the headquarters of the Tableeghi Jamaat, which poses as a peaceful organization but in fact provides seed personnel to all, including banned organizations. Raiwind is also a home to scores of madrassahs.

A longtime friend of an Ahmadi family has now stopped meeting them after receiving grave threats from mullas. “Mullas have a list of all the Ahmadis living there along with their addresses,” he intimated.

Gulberg, Lahore; April 19, 2012: Two Ahmadi women went to Gulberg market for shopping. There a shopkeeper in a mulla garb recognized them as Ahmadis by their *Burqa* (Islamic covering over the clothes). He said in a loud voice to irk them; “Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto was a good man; he did a good deed by declaring Mirzais (Ahmadis) non-Muslim. We should pray for him.”

Allama Iqbal Town, Lahore; April 26, 2012: Two men went to the bookshop of an Ahmadi in Allama Iqbal Town. They told him to stop selling Islamic books, the Holy Quran and stickers of Quranic verses. They threatened him with grave consequences in case of non-compliance. The Ahmadi shopkeeper had to remove the stickers and hid the Islamic books.

Baghbanpura, Lahore; April 2012: The Shezan company is owned by Ahmadis. Mullas are very active against it. A few months ago the Lahore Bar Association imposed a ban on Shezan drinks in the premises of the courts. Nowadays SMS against Shezan are frequently circulated. One such SMS received by Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmad, an Ahmadi, is as follows:

“The proprietor of Shezan, Shah Nawaz, a dog, translated the Holy Quran in 40 languages and spread them all over the world. Therein he interpolated the name of Muhammad^{sa} with the name of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani (sic). He asserted that this money had come from the pockets of the Muslims. Just think, lest this flavor of a few moments might not deprive us from drinking at the Hoze Kausar (the holy fountain in paradise) from the hands of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. Boycott Shezan products and prove your Islamic credentials.”

Baghbanpura, Lahore; April 8, 2012: An anti-Ahmadiyya conference was held in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Baghbanpura, Lahore. As usual, obnoxious language was used against the Ahmadiyya community; the audiences were urged to kill Ahmadis. The meeting was advertised through anti-Ahmadiyya posters. The participants numbered approximately 70.

Gulshan Ravi, Lahore; March 24, 2012: Mr. Naeem Ahmad is the only Ahmadi living in this area with his family. Someone threw a threatening note on his roof; it conveyed:

Leave Qadianiat (Ahmadiyyat), otherwise you will be killed

The unspeakable town – Rabwah

The daily Dawn, Lahore, of April 29, 2012: The National Bank of Pakistan, one of the leading banks in the country decided recently to advertize itself over the theme: “One Nation, One Bank” by paying tribute to the “UNSUNG HEROES of our Country”. The first such hero they chose was a “Young Prodigy”, Sitara Akbar, an 11-year old Ahmadi girl whose denominational identity was appropriately not mentioned. The big ad was placed by the bank

on the front page of the Dawn and it introduced Miss Akbar along with her photo, in the following words:

“Extra ordinary talent reveals through unusual willpower that can turn an ordinary child into a prodigy. Sitara Akbar of Chiniot set a world record by passing her O-level Chemistry Examination at the age of 9 and another by clearing several more O-level subjects at the age of 11. ‘My talents, my efforts and my achievements are all for my motherland.’ www.nbp.com.pk”

All very fair and laudable; however the mention of her hometown as Chiniot begs a comment. Sitara Akbar is ‘of Rabwah’ (Chenab Nagar), not ‘of Chiniot’. What necessitated this deliberate change? The two towns are different entities, located on opposite sides of a big river Chenab, have their own municipalities, different origins, history and identity. The residents of Chiniot would not like to be called ‘of Rabwah’, while the residents of Rabwah take pride in being of Rabwah or even Chenab Nagar (a name imposed upon it by mullas and politicians in year 2000, against the wishes of its residents).

The management of the publicity department of the National Bank could have taken the deliberate decision of omitting the name Rabwah for some or all of the following reasons:

- Rabwah has been given so much hostile publicity by the mulla, the vernacular press and indirectly by the state that its mention would dilute the message of their ad to the extent of being unacceptable.
- The mention of the town will expose the denominational identity of the ‘Prodigy’, and it was considered advisable to hide it for security considerations.
- Faith-based prejudice is so widespread among a section of the society that a mention of Rabwah (or Chenab Nagar) will generate a negative response to the noble catchphrase of the NBP’s ad message.

Whatever the reason, the decision to omit the name of Rabwah reflects poorly on the demographic and human rights situation of this town otherwise eminent in many ways.

Considering relocation

Matli, District Badin; March 2012: Mr. Shakil Ahmad decided three years ago to join the Ahmadi community. A year later his wife also switched over to Ahmadiyyat. Her brother, who was a local leader of the extremist Sipah Sahaba, did not approve of her sister’s family joining Ahmadiyyat. On March 2, 2012, accompanied by more than 100 men, he went to Mr. Shakil’s residence, called him out and took him away forcibly. They told him to recant. On his refusal, they took to beat him. However, a few others intervened and stopped them before he could be harmed further.

Later, an Ahmadiyya delegation called on Mr. Shakil Ahmad. Having heard his story, they advised him to shift from Matli. He thanked them and conveyed that he would decide after due consultation.

Hostility in Sargodha

Chak no. 152 North, Sargodha; April 3, 2012: Mr. Ali Muhammad runs a shop in the main market of the village. His name was written on the sign board of his shop. Some extremist elements gathered outside his shop and demanded from him to erase the name ‘Muhammad’ from his name on the sign board, and threatened him of grave consequences in case of non-compliance. At this he erased his name, **“Proprietor: Ali Muhammad”** from the sign board of his shop.

Sargodha; April 4, 2012: Khawaja Zeeshan runs a grocery shop in a market in Sargodha. Some mullas gathered outside his shop and raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans. Mullas demanded from Mr. Qureshi, the owner of the building to oust Mr. Zeeshan from his building.

The reason behind this issue is the expulsion of these mullas for their extremism from the mosque which Mr. Qureshi built in this building. The mullas found nothing else to hold

against Mr. Qureshi except Mr. Zeeshan's faith. Mr. Qureshi had a meeting with the protesting mullas and made them disperse peacefully.

An open circular in deliberate violation of the law

Islamabad; April 2012: Khanqah Sirajiah located in District Islamabad has circulated a pamphlet issued by the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat. The pamphlet contains a greatly distorted version of the character of the founder of Ahmadiyya community, and also the following letter written by mulla Faqir Muhammad Khan of the Khanqah Sirajiah, to the clerics; (translation):

"The most respected ulama; May your grandeur increase. Peace be on you and the blessings of Allah. You know that Qadianis, Mirzais remain covertly busy in apostatizing the Muslims. I appeal to your grace, in the name of Allah, to spare at least 10 to 15 minutes of your sermon, at least once every month on the subject of safeguarding the dogma of End of Prophethood, and also expose the cursed face of Qadianis and Mirzais to the youth. Having performed this duty, we shall become entitled to the Divine reward. I hope that you will favourably consider (this plea).

Wassalam

Faqir Muhammad Khan, Khanqah Sirajiah"

This pamphlet is in clear violation of PPC 153-A that carries a penalty of imprisonment for five years and a fine. The Ahmadiyya office has sent a copy of the pamphlet to relevant authorities.

Threats to a worship place of Ahmadis

Maripur, district Karachi; April 2012: Local Ahmadis offer their prayers in a prayer centre. Some students of nearby 'Madrassa Khulfae Rashdeen' have come to this worship place several times and demanded its evacuation as 'Ahmadis have no permission to pray and propagate themselves', according to them. Due to the sensitivity of this matter the Ahmadi family residing in the area has been shifted elsewhere. These mullas continue to assemble in front of the Ahmadiyya centre and create a hue and cry.

The local police were contacted and they told the president of the local Ahmadiyya community that intelligence reports show that this Ahmadiyya place of worship is under great threat at the hands of extremist organizations. The police were told that Ahmadis will continue to exercise their constitutional right of worship and their place of worship must be protected.

It is learnt that these mullas are mostly Pathans. They are linked with Sipah Sahaba (an extremist organization banned for its terrorist activities), and JUI (Fazlur Rahman group) supports them fully.

An Ahmadi kidnapped

Johar Town, Lahore; March 13, 2012: Mr. Ali Mahar S/O Mr. Raja Mahar Ahmad Umar came to Pakistan from abroad to see his family. His family resides in 334-F-11, Johar Town, Lahore. He was kidnapped on March 13, 2012. The kidnappers demanded 450,000 rupees as ransom. It was settled at 220,000 rupees, and Mr. Mahar reached home safely on March 16, 2012 after the payment of this amount.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conferences

Kahawali, district Sialkot; April 8, 2012: The followers of Sultan Bahu (a saint) hold a conference annually in the main mosque of Ahle Sunnat here. This year they invited a few mullas including Faizul Hasan and Faisal Nadeem. They targeted the Ahmadiyya community, declared Ahmadis non-Muslims and urged the audience to boycott them socially.

Chowk Data Zaidka, district Sialkot; March 23, 2012: An anti-Ahmadiyya conference was held in Chowk Data Zaidka, district Sialkot. It is held annually by Fidayyane (devotees) Khatme Nabuwwat. Qari Muhammad Afzal Bajwa organized it. The attendance of the conference remained thin despite its wide publicity through banners, wall-chalking and ads. Only madrassah students attended it. The mullas used foul language against the leaders of the Ahmadiyya community and demanded from the government to ban the Ahmadiyya community and mention of ‘Qadiani’ religion in the voter lists of Ahmadis etc.

Goth Jam Khan; district Larkana; April 12, 2012: Anti-Ahmadiyya opponents organized a conference in Goth Jam Khan. It was widely publicized. It was held on April 12, 2012 and lasted till 1:30 a.m. the next day. The usual obnoxious language was used by the mullas against the Ahmadiyya community and participants were provoked against Ahmadis.

Tando Adam, Sindh; March 17, 2012: Several mullas from all over Sindh participated in a conference here in March 17, 2012. Ahmadis were declared *Wajib-ul-Qatl* (must be killed as a religious duty) and masses were urged to kill Ahmadis. A similar convention was also held on March 10, 2012.

Rahim Yar Khan; April 7, 2012: An anti-Ahmadiyya annual Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held in Rahim Yar Khan on April 7, 2012. Mulla Ilyas Chinioti was the only mulla who took the trouble to come to Rahim Yar Khan. Mulla Chinioti spoke against the Ahmadiyya community and provoked the public against Ahmadis. The attendance of the conference was thin, approximately 200. The rally was wound up early due lack of public support.

Azad Kashmir; April 8, 2012: Pir Atiqur Rahman, MLA and president of Jamiat Ulema Azad Kashmir organized a Khatme Nabuwwat conference in New City, Azad Kashmir. The Pir used foul language against the leaders of Ahmadiyya community. Despite the wide publicity for this conference only 200 men participated. The majority of them were madrasa students. The Pir is very active on the anti-Ahmadiyya front. He organizes such anti-Ahmadiyya conferences at different places and issues anti-Ahmadiyya statements in the vernacular press regularly.

Mandwal, district Rawalpindi; April 8, 2012: Deobandi mullas held a big anti-Ahmadiyya Khatme Nabuwwat conference here. Approximately three thousand men of the nearby ten villages attended the conference. It started at 8 a.m. and lasted until 7 p.m. It was chaired by Qazi Haroon Rasheed, the cleric of Jamia Masjid of Judges Colony, Islamabad. The audience were provided two free meals. Qazi Abdul Rasheed, General Secretary Wafaqul Madaris and a mulla from Chakwal spoke venomously against the Ahmadiyya community. They displayed a disfigured portrait of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community and provoked the audience against Ahmadis. They openly declared Ahmadis to be *Wajib-ul-Qatl* (must be killed) and urged the public to boycott them completely. All this happened only a few kilometers from the capital of Pakistan.

Hostility in Multan

Hasanabad, district Multan; April 2012: The women’s organization of the local Ahmadiyya community held a sitting to recount the merits of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. They invited some of their non-Ahmadi friends also. Later, a few of those non-Ahmadis accused Ahmadi women of reciting the verses of Holy Quran improperly and translating these incorrectly. Khatme Nabuwwat organization took up the issue and held a provocative conference. They threatened Ahmadis to leave the area within three months, otherwise ‘be ready to face the consequences’.

Ahmadi women have been advised to exercise discretion and be mindful of potential mischief.

Tension in Phalia continues

Phalia, district Mandi Bahauddin; April 14, 2012: The situation has been deteriorating in Phalia for the last few months. A huge anti-Ahmadiyya conference was held on April 14, 2012. It was widely publicized through banners and ads. Mullas used filthy language against the Ahmadiyya community and provoked the audience against Ahmadis.

Three baseless police cases were registered here against an Ahmadi, Mr. Muhammad Inayat Sabiri. He is receiving threats from the opponents. He became the target of mullas during the conference.

Mullas also announced another conference on April 17, 2012 in a nearby village, Seera. There is only one newly-converted Ahmadi family in this village whose breadwinner Mr. Jhara was murdered by extremist elements. His murderer is in prison now facing punishment. Apparently this conference is scheduled to harass the surviving members of Mr. Jhara's family.

An Ahmadi student faces threats

Sargodha; April 2012: Mr. Hasan Muhammad Tahir S/O Mr. Muhammad Tahir Butt is from Ahmad Nagar, Rabwah; he currently lives in Sargodha and is a student of the Para-medical College there. He is doing a course for 'sanitary inspector'. He is the only Ahmadi in his institute. He is facing organized hostility at his college for the last few months. He has received threatening text messages on his mobile phone warning him not to come to the college.

A threatening note was dropped at his residence in Ahmad Nagar, Rabwah; it conveyed:

"If Hasan would come out of his home today or tomorrow, he will not be spared. He will not be safe if he goes to Sargodha again."

Mr. Tahir has been advised to take special precautionary measures for his safety.

Hostility in Sahiwal

Sahiwal; April 2012: Ahrar declared their plan to hold a Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Sahiwal on April 7, 2012. They publicized the conference through banners, posters and stickers and invited the population to join the rally. The high level of publicity was indicative of their sinister designs.

In the Sahiwal area, Ahrari mulla Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema is quite influential. He remains fully occupied in anti-Ahmadi activities. His rhetoric in this field is unmatched these days for slander and mendacity. For example:

History is loaded with incidents of Qadiani community murdering its own members: Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema

The daily Ausaf, Lahore; February 21, 2012

Dr Salam conveyed to US the model of Pak nuclear plan. The Qadiani Dr was awarded Nobel award due pressure of the Jewish and Zionist lobby, and not on merit: Khalid Cheema

The daily Ausaf, Lahore; March 21, 2012

Ahmadi student discriminated

Premkot; district Hafizabad; April 2012: Mr. Muhammad Abdullah, an Ahmadi student, is candidate for the matriculation examination. He was told to appear in Ethics instead of Islamiyat on religious grounds. This was entered in his roll number slip which was issued to him by the relevant educational board for appearance in the examination. His father had to approach the relevant office to make the required correction.

Update on the case of the teen-ager falsely accused of blasphemy

Khushab; April 6, 2012: It would be recalled that Rana Sajeel Ahmad, an Ahmadi high school boy was charged under the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C, in Khushab a few weeks ago. He had to flee to save his life from blood-thirsty clerics and false witnesses who could easily land him, through a court of law, in the same predicament as Aasia Bibi.

Now, a judge in Khushab has issued his non-bailable warrants of arrest. The ORDER read: *“Perusal of file is showing that after the issuance of non-bailable warrants, proceedings u/s 87/88 G.P.C. have already been initiated against the accused Rana Sanjeel Ahmad (sic) and on 16.01.2012 perpetual non-bailable warrants of arrest be issued against the accused for his arrest and appearance. Therefore, ... Addl: Sessions Judge, Khushab Announced 06-04-2012.”*

The Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Khushab continues to distribute free hand bills produced by a mulla, Hafiz Muhammad Akram Toofani, that lists Ahmadiyya-owned businesses for total boycott and other consequences resulting from dealings with Qadianis who are ‘*kafir*’ of a type of its own; Mr. Sajeel Ahmad’s father’s store is listed therein as: Hakim Jamil Kiryana Store.

The distributors have audaciously given their address on the leaflet: **From: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Khushab**
0334-4851962
0300-6071331

Miscreants remain active against Ahmadi employees in Neelam Jhelum Hydro Project

Muzaffar Abad, AJK; April 2012: Sectarian mullas who have taken upon themselves to oppose the presence of the Ahmadis in this project have been mentioned before in these reports, (e.g. Monthly Report for January 2012). Mr. Jameel Ahmad, a senior official in the management team is targeted specifically.

A cook, employed by the company, telephoned Mr. Ahmad, accused him wrongfully and threatened him of grave consequences. Another mulla-type member of the labour union sent Ahmad an SMS message and used foul language therein.

Mr. Jamil Ahmad reported the matter to the Project Manager and demanded an inquiry offering that he could not continue to serve unless cleared of false allegations. The Project Manager sent for the mulla, heard him and told him that he was indulging in imagined wrongs, false accusations and indiscipline. He later told his boss to relieve him from service.

The Deputy Manager, a local, is a discreet supporter of the agitators. The cook is their latest front man and they are using him to convey threats to Ahmadis, foment unrest and create problems for them.

Mr. Jamil Ahmad and other Ahmadi employees have to exercise caution and remain on guard against any harm, including physical.

From the media

Ahmadi school teacher ‘tortured to death’

Relatives say police released Master Abdul Qudoos after subjecting him to ‘brutal torture’

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; April 25, 2012

Anti Torture Alliance

Civil Society condemns Ahmadi’s killing

Demands action against police, check on attacks on minorities

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; April 25, 2012

Mandi Bahauddin: Anti-Qadiani rally by Tehrik Khatme Nabuwwat

The daily Pakistan, Lahore; April 13, 2012

Piplan: Four felicitated for quitting Mirzaiat to join Islam.

The daily Ausaf, Lahore; April 15, 2012

Chenab Nagar: Residents lament 20 hrs of unscheduled electric outages.

The daily Ace News, Lahore; April 11, 2012

Jewish and Qadiani lobbies obstruct imposition of Islam. Khatme Nabuwwat conference (in Gujrat)

Those who dreamt of making Baluchistan a Qadiani state have ended up with no place of worship in the entire province.

The daily Ausaf, Lahore; April 17, 2012

World powers and Qadianis are supporting the conspiracy to undo the constitution and the country. Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Lahore

The daily Nawa-e-Waqt, Lahore; April 23, 2012

Qadianis are agents of foreigners: (Mulla) Amanullah Shah Hashmi (of Chiniot)

The daily Pakistan, Lahore; April 9, 2012

Qadianis passed on atomic secrets to the US, India and Israel. Abdul Latif Khalid (Ahrar)

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt, Lahore; April 1, 2012

Zero tolerance for Qadianiat : Maulana Pir Atiqur Rehman (of AJK)

The daily Abtak, Lahore; April 3, 2012

Qadianis are spreading revolt in Baluchistan Ahle Sunnat) (Mulla) Abdulla Sialwi (of Jamaat

The daily Pakistan, Lahore; April 1, 2012

Chiniot: 2 arrested for preaching Qadianiat

The daily Pakistan, Lahore; April , 2012

Body exhumed, buried in Ahmadi graveyard

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 20, 2012

Riots erupt in Gilgit, Chilas; 14 killed (50 injured)

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 4, 2012

Three shot dead in sectarian attacks (in Karachi)

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 4, 2012

Dangerous militants among 384 escape after Bannu jail attack

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 16, 2012

Ahrar are the need of today's Pakistan: Hafiz Hussain Ahmad

He (Hussain Ahmad) was warmly welcomed on arrival in the Ahrar's office (in Chicha Watni).... At this occasion Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema stated that the JUI and Majlis Ahrar Islam played distinctive role in fighting imperialism and colonialism. There is need to replay the same role in repulsing American tyranny.

The daily Ausaf, Lahore; April 9, 2012

Terrorists again attack Hazaras: One dead, spate of killings continues

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 17, 2012

80-year-old acquitted of blasphemy shot dead (in Sheikhpura)

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; April 16, 2012

10 million bounty on Hafiz Saeed: US aide

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; April 3, 2012

Hafiz Saeed thumbs nose at US bounty

The daily Nation, Lahore; April 5, 2012

Clerics ask PM to resign

The daily The News, Lahore; April 27, 2012

Atomic war could engulf the world. Mirza Masroor (Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Community)

The daily Jang, Lahore; March 27, 2012

Hafiz Saeed is a national and religious leader. His welfare and charity campaigns are known to all. Offer of Cash awards on Hafiz Saeed and Hafiz Abdul Rehman Makki are ridiculous. Syed Kafil Shah Bokhari, Deputy Central Amir of Majlis Ahrar Islam, Pakistan

The daily Pakistan, Lahore; April 4, 2012

Bells of justice to ring without discrimination: CJP

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 26, 2012

Terrorism is country's biggest problem. We will confront it at all fronts: Shahbaz Sharif

The daily Mashraq, Lahore; April 26, 2012

'Ausaf' is the organ of the religious parties.

Maulana Fazlur Rahman

The daily Ausaf, Lahore; April 23, 2012

(Muslims) fired from job for wearing scarf or beard. European Muslims face discrimination. Amnesty International

Girl students in veil are not allowed to attend classes. Belgian, French, Dutch, Spanish and Swiss governments encourage this.

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt, Lahore; April 25, 2012

Nigeria: Two car bomb blasts outside church. 50 dead, 60 injured

The daily Pakistan, Lahore; April 10, 2012

France: Unknown miscreants set mosque on fire

The daily Ausaf, Lahore; April 11, 2012

The cursed American priest's fresh mischief; burns copies of the Quran

The daily Express, Faisalabad; April 30, 2012

"If the VIRGIN MARY appears wearing VEIL in all her pictures, how can you ask me to SIGN on a HIJAB BAN LAW?" Robert Maroni, Italian Minister

<http://www.kenyanlist.com/kls-listing-show.php?id=73108>

Imran urges (Dr) Qadeer to lead PTI

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 16, 2012

50 IJT activists remanded for attack on BZU

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 29, 2012

(Gilani) Down but not out

37-second contempt punishment causes confusion. Govt, allies decide to challenge verdict.

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 27, 2012

City managers given options for Jamia Hafsa

ISLAMABAD, April 25: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said the city managers either honour their word on rebuilding the demolished Jamia Hafsa or face contempt charges.

The daily Dawn, Lahore; April 26, 2012

Khushab district police officer has sought assistance from the Mutahida Ulama Board Punjab in a blasphemy case against two Shia clerics.

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; April 10, 2012

10 more mowed down in Quetta target killing

The daily The News, Lahore; April 15, 2012

Only a Muslim may hang another Muslim:

Islamic Ideology Council

The daily Nai Bat, Lahore; April 25, 2012

Op-ed: Grim details of Ahmadi school teacher's torture death emerge

It is with the connivance of a provincial law minister that the Punjab Police have been able to hide the criminal practice of the police of keeping suspects in illegal detention for

months during which time they are tortured to get confessional statements and bribes. The provincial law minister has been instrumental in sheltering the high officials of the police from involvement in these heinous crimes. These officers include the highest police officer of the district.

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The Punjab government has not yet started investigation into the incident of arbitrary detention, torture and misuse of police power against the police officers concerned. It is very well known fact that the provincial government and the provincial law minister, particularly, have connections with extremist groups and banned organizations who are very much against the Ahmadis and who have been involved in the killings of Ahmadis and Shia the second largest Muslim sect.

Daily Times – Site Edition on April 04, 2012

Op-ed: No looking back for us

Who was Master Abdul Qudoos Ahmad? How would you know even if you care? The 43 year old school teacher's (murder) story received scant attention in the media.

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... address of the Quaid-i-Azam to the members of the Pakistan constituent Assembly on August 11, 1947: "You are free; you are free to go to your temples...."

Jinnah died on September 11, 1948. Exactly six months and a day after his death, so buried his dream, adopted the Objectives Resolution and made religion the business of the state. And we haven't felt the need to look back since.

Abbas Nasir in the Dawn of April 9, 2012

Op-ed: The enemy within

This enemy can be seen elsewhere, too. In Karachi the same hand is targeting Shia professionals. Recently, it displayed its handiwork in Chenab Nagar where it assumed the form of a few policemen. They tortured an innocent teacher to an extent that he could not survive. Torture to death in custody is quite common, but since the victim in this case was an Ahmadi citizen they lost all sense of human mercy.

The ubiquitous enemy we are talking about has certain advantages over the state gendarmes. He can easily melt away in any congregation. He is disarmingly modest, does not appear to be materially corrupt and the corruption of his mind is too subtle to be evident to ordinary citizens.

Also, unlike the mercenaries in state service, he believes in his mission and is keen to die for it. It will not be possible to defeat this enemy unless all parties and people of goodwill come together, sink their differences and establish all Pakistani citizens' equal right to the freedom of belief. That is the only route of salvation and we do not have much time to cover it.

I.A. Rehman in the daily Dawn; April 19, 2012

Op-ed: How Pakistan got boxed in religion

But no one is talking about the real question: Why do we have a 'religion box' on our legal documents any way?

Say that and you essentially open Pandora's Box. After all, in a 97% Muslim majority country, what good can come out of knowing someone's religion? What are we really trying to achieve except demonizing, harassing, and isolating the 3% of Pakistan's Hindu, Ahmadi, Christian and other minorities who have made equal if not more sacrifices for the creation and preservation of Pakistan?

And to those who are 'proud' of the religion box I can only wish some international exposure. Don't go to Europe, America for a lesson. Just look at the passports, national ID

cards and application forms in the most populated Muslim countries, Indonesia, India, Bangladesh, Egypt, Nigeria, Iran and Turkey and you won't find the 'religion box' anywhere. Heck, even Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates don't see a need for it. See how lonely your pride is?

Rana Mahmood's case did not happen in a vacuum; it is a consequence of a horrible policy. A policy that violates basic human rights, discriminates between equal citizens, tramples over simple logic, and isolates Pakistan internationally.

Faheem Younus in the Express Tribune. Blogs on April 14, 2012

Op-ed: Not so right

We are living in a state where priorities are misplaced. Here one can be ruinous in arranging a wedding or any such function. And here also, Kamran Khan, a boy from an impoverished family in the town of Shabqadar, north-east of Peshawar, can set himself on fire for his family cannot afford to buy him a new school uniform.

So many wrongs are considered right. To quote Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) Secretary General I.A. Rehman, only four percent of the Gross Domestic Product is spent on human rights-related development in Pakistan, whereas most countries invest four per cent of their GDP on education alone.

As Pakistan is trying to put its own National Human Rights Commission in place, it is hoped the country will show that true democracy lies in the values, ideals and respect it cherishes for fundamental human rights.

Waqar Mustafa of HRCP's annual State of Human Rights in 2011 report – in The News of April 8, 2012

Corrigendum: In our News Report March 2011 page 1, line 34, and the annual report of Year 2011 page 44, line 8:

For: *Rasulpur, District Sialkot; February 26, 2011:* Mr. Riaz Bhatti, an Ahmadi died

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Read: *Rasulpur, District Sialkot; February 23, 2011:* Mr. Riaz Bhalli, an Ahmadi died

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