

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan News Report November 2012

Still another Ahmadi killed for his faith

Quetta; November 11, 2012: Mr. Manzoor Ahmad, aged 33, was shot dead by unknown assailants near his house on November 11, 2012 at 0900. He was hit by two bullets on his forehead. He was immediately taken to a hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

He was a prominent Ahmadi in his neighbourhood. He had no personal vendetta with anyone. He was facing religious hatred and hostility for some time. Mullas constantly provoked the public against Ahmadis there. The administration failed to take effective action against these preachers of hate.

Mr. Ahmad's brother, Mr. Maqsood Ahmad was kidnapped a few months ago, but was released after the payment of ransom. Mr. Manzoor Ahmad was a practicing Ahmadi and is survived by a widow, two daughters, a son and parents.

A press release issued by the Ahmadiyya central office stated:

“Killing an Ahmadi youth in Quetta after series of killings of Ahmadis in Karachi indicates that miscreants are busy in anti-Ahmadi violence in the country. Provocative and hate-arousing literature against Ahmadis is distributed profusely all over the country.

“Authorities have been informed of this repeatedly but they take no effective action. ‘It is essential that to curb such regrettable incidents, this wave of hatred and violence against Ahmadis should be brought to a halt, and those involved in the violence should be punished in accordance with the law,’ said the Ahmadiyya spokesman.”

Ahmadi succumbs to injuries

Karachi; November 27, 2012: Chaudhry Nusrat Mahmood, a 68-year-old Ahmadi, who was critically injured in the October 19 attack, succumbed to his injuries after more than a month in hospital. He was driving back home in the company of his relatives after offering his Friday prayers when unidentified assailants started firing at them. Mr. Mahmood's son-in-law Saad Farooq was killed in that attack. Saad's father, Farooq Ahmed Kahlon, and his brother, Ahmad Farooq, were also injured.

Mr. Mahmood lived in New York and had come to Karachi for his daughter's wedding with Saad Farooq which took place only three days before the attack.

The Director of Public Affairs for Ahmadiyya Jamaat Mr. Saleemuddin reiterated that the hate campaign against the Ahmadiyya community has continued while the administration has taken no action and none of the involved criminals has faced justice; this is one of the major factors in increased violence against the community. “We have brought this to the notice of authorities, but to little avail,” he stated.

Attack and follow-up

Orangi Town, Karachi; October 2012: The business location of Mr. Rasheedud Din Butt, an official of the local organization of Ahmadi youth, was attacked with an explosive during the night of October 22, 2012. The explosion destroyed the shutter of the closed shop. The next day he received an anonymous phone call. The caller was speaking in Pushto accent. The caller demanded five million rupees from him. He told Mr. Din the detail of all his relatives, mentioned to him his (*Qadiani*) denomination and threatened of grave consequences in case of non-payment. He called again after an hour and half. Mr. Din asked for more time, which the caller extended until October 24, 2012 noon along with the threat of grave consequences of non-compliance.

Mr. Din had to relocate his whole family elsewhere in the face of such serious threats.

Update of a police case

A fresh case registered during the hearing

Malhokay, District Narowal: Mullas are very active in Malhokay against Ahmadis. They succeeded in getting a police case registered against six Ahmadis under Ahmadi-specific PPC 298-C with FIR No. 74 in Police Station Baddo Malhi on June 29, 2012, for preaching. The accused were: Mr. Sultan Ahmad, Mr. Naseer Ahmad, Mrs. Azmat Bibi wife of Naseer Ahmad, Mr. Ameen, Mr. Ghulam Hussain and a *Murabbi* (Ahmadi religious teacher). If declared guilty, they could be imprisoned for 3 years.

The plea for bail was in the Lahore High Court. Four Ahmadis appeared in the court on November 14, 2012 for confirmation of their bails. The judge confirmed the bails of Mr. Sultan Ahmad and Mr. Naseer Ahmad, but he rejected the confirmation for Mr. Ghulam Hussain, the president of local Ahmadiyya community and Mr. Ameen Ahmad. The police arrested both of them and shifted them to the police station Baddo Malhi.

During the hearing of the case Mr. Asif Javed S/O Mr. Ghulam Hussain was also present in the court room. He tried to make a video of the proceedings with his mobile phone. This was noted by the advocate of the opponent party. He slapped Mr. Javed in the court room in the presence of the judge. Others joined him in bashing him up. They roughed up other Ahmadis too. The judge ordered registration of a case under PPC 506 against Mr. Javed but took no action against those who took to violence. Mr. Javed was arrested there and then, and was shifted to the lock-up in police station Old Anarkali.

Malevolence in the provincial capital – Lahore

The Punjab is ruled by PML(N) these days. Mr. Shahbaz Sharif is the Chief Minister. The PML(N) is known for its pro-mulla political posture. The senior leadership of this party has been seen acting chum with extremist mullas whose parties have been banned for terrorist activities.

The Muslim League in the Punjab has a history of close relationship with Islamist clerics. In 1953, while in power in the Punjab, its chief minister Mr. Daultana actively supported the clerics in their violent agitation against the Ahmadis; it resulted in grave deterioration of law and order to the extent that martial law (first ever in Pakistan) had to be declared. As a result the Muslim League ministry and Mr. Daultana were booted out.

The Muslim League in the Punjab has failed to learn its lessons from history. On assuming power again in 2008, its government sponsored, funded and organized an ‘End of the Prophethood’ conference in Lahore in 2009 in the grand royal mosque in Lahore. Participating mullas indulged in profuse sectarian rhetoric.

On account of not-so-discreet anti-Ahmadiyya policy of the provincial government, the administration and the police indulge in hostile conduct in situations and issues concerning Ahmadis. Terrorists chose Lahore for their major attack on Ahmadi worshipers in 2010 and succeeded in killing 86 of them while the security forces, although present at the scene of the crime, put up no resistance to the terrorists.

The attitude of the rulers and the officials has affected everyday life of the Ahmadis in the province in general, and Lahore in particular. Every month numerous incidents that happened in this capital are reported in these monthly reports. A few for the month of November are briefly related below.

Where even death becomes a problem

Baghbanpura, Lahore; November 6, 2012: Anti-Ahmadi activists have adopted the practice of taking photos or producing videos of places and events in which Ahmadis are involved and then presenting these to officials to book them in police cases, etc. For instance:

Mrs. Sindhi died in Baghbanpura. Her relatives planned to bury her in Ahmadiyya graveyard in Handu Gujjar at 10 p.m. They tried to keep this information confidential but the opponents came to know of it somehow. So, approximately 30 mullas assembled in the vicinity of their home at about 10 p.m. They were led by one Tuti, who is a brother of mulla Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi a well-known cleric intimate with high officials in Pakistan. Tuti was armed with a camera and seemed to be prepared to push for an FIR with the police.

The bereaved family came to know of this. They decided to postpone the burial. They took care not to offer the funeral prayers at home, instead took the dead body to the graveyard the next day before sunrise, offered the last rites there and performed the burial. This spared them the mischief of the religious thugs.

Freedom to worship at risk

Rehmanpura, Lahore: In view of the difficulties in having a proper mosque/place of worship, local Ahmadis assemble in an Ahmadi's home for prayers. It is a three-storied building owned by him. Two Ahmadi families reside in two upper floors, while the owner lives on the ground floor. He has permitted local Ahmadis, who are only a few in number, to offer their prayers in one of his living rooms. There is no inconvenience involved to anyone else. However, anti-Ahmadi activists have reported to the police of this arrangement and asked for action.

Ahmadis met an appropriate high official and intimated to him that there was no problem, any complaint is malafide and fabricated. The incident caused concern and stress to the peaceful worshippers.

Serious threat to the freedom to practice the religion of one's choice

Wahdat Colony: Four bearded youth, 25 to 30 years old, who belonged to the banned Jamaat Dawa, but professed for convenience to be from the Khatme Nabuwwat Centre, visited the police station and demanded that an FIR be registered against Ahmadis who like Muslims, indulged in sacrificing animals on the festival of Eid-ul-Adha. They claimed that they had the required proofs in the form of photos, videos and written reports etc.

They claimed that their group comprised as many as 400 university students. They seemed to know the history of anti-Ahmadi agitations in 1953, 1974 and 1984. They made out that they were not violent but intended to pursue Qadianis through law. *"We want to bar them from Friday congregational prayers by providing pictorial evidence of their worship. We shall pursue them from their place of worship to their home to confirm their identities and addresses"*, they explained. *"We shall thus force them to abandon Islamic worship,"* they bragged.

The SHO refused to register a criminal case. He would not wilt if the attempts are repeated by the activists more vigorously, one hopes. These bigots managed to deny a number of Ahmadis their right to sacrifice animals on Eid – and they did that with the help of the Punjab Police.

A dishonest blame

Karim Park, Lahore; October 31, 2012: The principal of Farooqia Girls High School took disciplinary action against the school canteen contractor. He, in turn, approached the activists of Jamaat Islami and Sunni Tehrik for support, with the accusation that the principal Ms. Aasama Farooqi committed blasphemy in a pamphlet. The mullas took out a big procession and mounted an attack on the school. They claimed that the 'blasphemer' principal was a

Qadiani (which she is surely not). An Ahmadi family however resides next to the school and the mullas assembled in front of their residence. This family spent a wakeful night in great fear.

A close escape

Lahore: Mr. Abid Nasim Chughtai works in the National Bank of Pakistan. A client noticed that he was wearing a ring with the Arabic inscription “*Alaisallahu...*” on it; this phrase is found in the Quran. This man reported this to the police, and succeeded in availing the services of a police inspector and two constables to interrogate and implicate Mr. Chughtai in a religion-based criminal case. (Who says Lahore is short of policemen?) The inspector accused Mr. Chughtai that he visited the toilet with the ring on, thus defiling the Quran. He acted very aggressive and rude, and uttered foul words against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community.

Thereafter a police official confided to Mr. Chughtai that the complainant was a leader of a religious party and had brought a procession to the police station; this triggered the police action. He advised Mr. Chughtai to take a few days’ leave and disappear. He did that.

The police were good enough not to register the case. The complainant then approached a court, and the judge found it facile to order the police to act as per law. The police registered the case against Mr. Chughtai on October 18, 2012 under PPC 295-A at police station Race Course, and arrested him at about 8 p.m.

The next day Mr. Chughtai was presented before a magistrate who accepted his bail application, and he quashed the FIR for wrongful application of PPC 295-A.

Mr. Chughtai was released and he returned home – thank God.

Last, not least, Ahmadiyya graveyard in Model Town

Model Town: A situation report on the threat to this graveyard was rendered last month. The last report was that the judge had directed the police to proceed as per law. Accordingly an Ahmadi delegation told the SHO that the court order did not mean that an FIR be registered against Ahmadis and the graveyard be defiled. In fact as no law is specifically violated by the graves in that graveyard, he should simply file and close the case.

Senior officers of the police department have been approached by Ahmadis and explained the rationale of the Ahmadiyya position. They seem to appreciate this, but have sent the case to the ‘law branch’ of their department to examine the complaint and the Ahmadiyya defence.

Life as well as death have become problematic for Ahmadis in Pakistan, and even more so in Lahore where the mulla is pampered undeservedly.

(Note: Armed men in masks attacked the graveyard in the dark hours of the night of December 2, 2012 and defiled 120 graves. More details will be given in next month’s report.)

A fatwa (edict) of the Saudi Imam in Makkah

The decay and decadence of the Muslim religious leadership is arguably represented in their central religious personalities and institutions. One of these is the Imam of the most central mosque Masjid Haram in Makkah, Saudi Arabia.

Although this Imam Al-Sabil emphasizes unity and peace in his annual sermons on the occasion of the Hajj (Pilgrimage), he readily falls into the pit of obscurantism and bigotry when faced with a controversial issue. For instance.

Abdur Rahman Bawa, a rabid anti-Ahmadi mulla of Pakistani origin, in order to store up further ammunition in his sectarian campaign, professedly posted this question to Imam Al-Sabil for a *fatwa* (edict):

“I ask you for a Sharia fatwa regarding the Qadiani Jamaat (whose list of beliefs I enclose). Qadianis follow Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani who claimed to be a prophet after the Khatam an Nabiyyeen (P.B.U.H.). This group deceives some people in Europe through its Islamic prayers, places of worship and use of Islamic terminology. A declaration by you will suffice to shut up the Qadianis. You are requested to state the Sharia commandment, alongwith elucidation regarding this group.”

Imam Al-Sabil replied in the following words: *“Surely, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani claimed to be a prophet. He also claimed receiving revelation and he refused belief in such essentials of the Faith, which are obligatory. Ulama belonging to religious centres and Sharia colleges (Faqhi Idaron) of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have repeatedly warned against getting trapped in the net of Qadianis. They have asserted clearly that this group is outside the pale of Islam, and they have nothing to do with Islam. We have written a booklet on this issue: Al Fedahatil Jaliya fil Kashaf an Hal al Qadianiah (True story of a false prophet). It has been published in Arabic and Urdu. In this booklet we have placed the fatwas and resolutions issued by the ulama of Islamic countries. These urge (the Muslims) to beware of Qadianis, and explain the reasons of their un-Islam”.*

The Imam’s fatwa is being extensively distributed in Multan and other cities.

It will be appropriate here and will suffice (for Muslim readers) to quote a prophecy of the Holy Prophet of Islam:

“Ali, may God be pleased with him, stated: So said the Prophet of Allah (PBUH), “A time will come before long when Islam will be there only in name, the Quran will exist only in words, mosques will be full of people but devoid of guidance, their Ulama will be worst creatures under the firmament – mischief will emerge from them and will arrive back to them.” Mishkat, Kitabul Ilam

Our scrutiny of Imam Al Sabil’s fatwa is not misplaced. Based on this type of edicts, mullas quickly jump to the position that Ahmadis are apostates and hence, according to their interpretation of Sharia, *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed). In Pakistan, political parties like JI and JUI(F) etc moved an Apostasy Bill in the National Assembly in 2007 in which they entered a clause whereby an Ahmadi would be considered an ‘apostate’ and in para 7, the bill prescribed: *“7. Punishment for apostasy (1) If a male person makes the commission of apostasy offence, he shall be awarded death sentence.”*

Earlier the Central Assembly (*Markazi Shoora*) of the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat, Pakistan issued a two-page pamphlet in which it demanded:

“All Ahmadis should be given a grace period of 3 days and invited to become Muslims like the 1.1 billion Muslims of the world. Those Ahmadi apostates, who do not become Muslims in these 3 days, should be made to stand in a line and should be killed. The killing of these apostates should not stop till the very last one of them has been killed.”

Imam Kaba Al-Sabil can claim the credit to have acted to prove the truth of the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

Mounting hostility and harassment in Chak Chatha, District Hafizabad, Punjab

Chak Chatha; November, 2012: Anti-Ahmadi activities have been on the rise in District Hafizabad lately. In August this year the police desecrated the Ahmadiyya cemetery in Mangat Uncha of this district on behest of mullas. In October 2012 the mullas put pressure on the police to remove Quranic verses and Islamic inscriptions from the gravestones of Ahmadis in Chak Chatha as well. The police told Ahmadis to do that but they refused to commit this desecration. Some unknown men came to the Ahmadiyya cemetery on October 19, 2012 during the night and erased Islamic inscriptions from the gravestones.

Thereafter the mullas took another step. They sent a letter to higher police officials stating, “*Ahmadis have a worship place on the Gujranwala Road. There is nothing by which one could differentiate between it and a Masjid for Muslims. Muslims have serious reservations over this ...*”. “*Minarets of this worship place should be demolished and Baituz Zikr should be written on the main-gate, so that people do not offer their prayers there mistaking it as a mosque. ... If our demands are not met within two days, we will raise protest and lead rallies, and the administration would be responsible for it,*” they threatened the administration.

This charged environment has affected the daily lives of Ahmadis there. An Ahmadi student, Sabih Ahmad S/O Dr. Shafiqur Rahman was beaten up by his class fellows in the school. They gave him some papers on which abuses were written. The next day he was again beaten up and abused. Later some unidentified men tried to take him away by luring him with offer of an ice cream, but failed due to the timely arrival of an Ahmadi at the scene. The lock of his father’s clinic was also broken the same night.

Ahmadis are under great stress in Chak Chatha.

Catching the bull (*read mulla*) by the horn

Chiniot: According to a report in the daily Waqt, Lahore of November 9, 2012, the DCO Chiniot, under the instructions of the Home Department Punjab has banned the entry of 50 ulama and Zakirs (Shia clerics) in the district during the month of Muharram, in order to maintain peace. In addition, 23 ulama have been ‘gagged’ (*Zuban bandi*).

Among the above 73 named ulama following mullas deserve special mention:

Muhammad Ahmad Qadri, Abdul Ghafoor Haqqani, Muhammad bin Alam Tariq, Abdul Majid Nadeem, Masud Azhar, Abdul Ghafoor Taunswi, Zahidur Rashidi, Khadim Hussain Dhilon, Alam Tariq of Chicha Watni, Hussain Muavia, Akram Toofani, Muhammad Ahmad Ludhianwi; THE GAGGED ONES: Abdul Waris, Amanullah Shah, Binyamin Gohar, Muhammad Hussain, Shabbir Usmani, Ghulam Mustafa, Muhammad Mughira, Muhammad Yar.

The above mentioned have one thing in common. They are routinely permitted to visit Rabwah, address rallies and indulge in abusive and provocative talk against Ahmadis. How is it that if they speak against Shias, that is not acceptable to the authorities, but when they speak sectarian slander against Ahmadis that is acceptable. This is obvious discrimination that makes no sense.

Forbidding all these mullas to enter the district or to gag them in the interest of law and order during Muharram is a befitting order; it should be done at other occasions as well when they assemble in Rabwah and other places with anti-Ahmadiyya designs.

Craving to murder

Bheni, District Sheikhpura; November 2012: An Ahmadi, Mr. Barkat Ali works as a guard in a market of a nearby town, so he is often seen in uniform. One day he was sitting at a shop owned by a non-Ahmadi who did not know that Mr. Ali was an Ahmadi; he thought that he was a police man. The shopkeeper asked Mr. Ali to get him a gun. When he asked the purpose, the former told him that he intended to shoot two *Mirzais* (Ahmadis) namely, Khuram Shahbaz and Adil Shahbaz. “Their murder will ensure my admission to paradise; I cannot bear the sight of these two”, he confided. Mr. Ali told him that he will think it over, and departed.

In the same context, a venomous youth of the same village, who belongs to Shia denomination has often stated his desire to kill his Ahmadi neighbours. These Ahmadis have been advised by the community leaders to exercise great caution.

A disturbing incident in District Sheikhpura

Kot Abdul Malik, Sheikhpura; November 6, 2012:

Dr. Ishtiaq (a member of the banned Lashkar Taiba) came to the Ahmadiyya mosque on November 6, 2012 at about 10 p.m. He asked for Mr. Zahid Mahmood, an Ahmadi. The youth on duty told him that he had gone home. Thereafter Dr. Ishtiaq went to the Ahmadi missionary's house and asked the whereabouts of Mr. Nasir, the president of the local Ahmadiyya community. The missionary said that he did not know about him. Then he asked about the people present in the mosque at that time.

Thereafter Ishtiaq phoned Mr. Zahid to come over. He came and saw Dr. Ishtiaq with another man. The doctor told his name as Sajaad Shah and told Shah to ask himself about Mr. Zahid's schedule. The doctor told Shah about Mr. Nasir also and about his place of residence. The doctor said to Shah, "Nasir lives in Javed Nagar, I'll take you there if you so desire, then you could kill him if you want to." On hearing this Shah fled. The doctor suggested to Mr. Zahid to follow Shah on a motorbike. Mr. Zahid found all this suspicious, and excused himself.

The doctor told Mr. Zahid that Shah had come to him and told him that he would get a police case registered against Ahmadis by providing an Ahmadiyya pamphlet and a ring to the police that they preached him. The doctor added, "Shah wants to kill me and blame you for that, or kill you and accuse me."

Dr. Ishtiaq called Mr. Zahid to the police station on November 7, 2012. He urged Mr. Zahid to give a statement that Sajaad Shah had come to kill them.

Actually Dr. Ishtiaq is anti-Ahmadi; it appears that he wanted that statement to be made by Mr. Zahid to show that he and the Ahmadis are a common target. If any harm is done to any Ahmadi then he could use this statement in his own defense.

It is some sort of ploy and trick by Dr. Ishtiaq. Ahmadis have been advised caution.

Hostile reconnaissance of Ahmadiyya mosque

Karachi; November 19, 2012:

A man came to the Ahmadiyya mosque in Karachi on November 9, 2012 at about noon. He told his name as Dr. Mirza Shakil Alam Baig. He pretended to be a new convert and asked permission to offer prayers in the mosque. He said that he resided in North Nazimabad, Karachi, but he could not give name of any Ahmadiyya office-holder of his area. He was not allowed to enter. Thereafter he went to a Deobandi mosque nearby where a motorcyclist came and took him away.

Also, a Hindu maid who does the sanitation works in the Ahmadiyya mosque was stopped by some people of the nearby Deobandi mosque and told, "Why do you work in Qadianis' mosque, they could suffer an attack any time." They also inquired from her the quantity of ammunition stored in the Ahmadiyya mosque, etc?

An Assistant Director feels the heat

Peshawar:

Mr. Farooq Ahmed is an Assistant Director in the department of mines. Anti-Ahmadi bullies have targeted him with provocative leaflets, hateful propaganda and a damaging campaign. In one such circular they addressed his superiors and subordinates in these words:

"O my Muslim brothers, pious slaves of Allah and followers of the faith of Muhammad, the Prophet of Latter Days. You know well in history that in every era great liars have attempted great harm to Islam and they have butchered true Muslims. They started this evil campaign in the days of the Prophet and have continued their efforts till the present times. They continue to trap Muslim simpletons in their net. One of them is there in your department. (Farooq Ahmad Qadiani) When he had no authority he kept lying low, although even then he

would proselytize quietly, but since his promotion he has become very active. Qadianis call on him openly, this cursed fellow shuts his door, and inside they hatch their conspiracies. Innocent Muslims who are helped by this cursed fellow in their petitions are treated with contempt by him and are subjected to hours of preaching.”

Forbidden faith (Ahmadiyyat)

Karachi; November 4, 2012: The prestigious DAWN.COM posted in Breaking News, tagged this report in ‘sunday sectarian special’ and titled it **Forbidden faith**. It is pointed, precise and well-timed. Extracts:

“Two years ago on May 28, eighty-six members of the Ahmadiyya community were massacred in their places of worship in Lahore, during the Friday congregation. Since then, an all-out war seems to have been declared against them with the oppressors becoming more vitriolic and aggressive.

“Since the extremists apply their rule of death for apostasy, Ahmadis are the first to be targeted. Their persecution will increase by wider margins, if the extremists grow stronger,” warns rights activist I.A. Rehman of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP).

“Sherry Rehman, Pakistan’s ambassador to the US cannot agree more. She calls the persecution of this community “unconscionable”.

“Violence and the advance of bigotry, prejudice and hate against minorities have never really been met with the resolve needed to remove impunity from the social equation in Pakistan; instead, what we see is an expansion in the space for religious and sectarian apartheid, which has led now to heinous acts of brutality, exclusion and ‘otherisation’ of many, particularly Ahmadis,” she declares, adding, “This is a dangerous trend that conflates national identity with religion.”

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Whether it is the belligerent stance of extremists against the community, which unfortunately remains under government radar, or other reasons, Pakistan today is burdened with religious prejudice due to certain religious clauses in its constitution. Since the beginning of the year, 13 Ahmadis have been killed and there have been three major attacks on their places of worship. In all these attacks in Rawalpindi, Lahore, Khushab and Kharian, the police have been involved. “In Kharian, an armed contingent of police began demolition of the minarets after dark without a court order to support their sacrilegious act,” states the Ahmadiyya spokesperson.

“As the country gears up for the general elections in 2013, those eligible for voting from the four-million Ahmadiyya community will not cast their votes. “We are Pakistanis, but we are separated and discriminated from the mainstream on the basis of religion,” says Saleemuddin, spokesperson of the community in Pakistan. “This is against the very spirit of democracy,” he adds.

“For the community at least, he states, the separate electorate imposed by General Ziaul Haq in 1985, remains despite the “erroneous impression” that Pakistan has shifted from separate to joint electorate.

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“Zohra Yusaf, chairperson HRCP makes no bones, about accusing the Punjab government of complicity. “It is certainly guilty as it has given in to the demands by Ahmadi-haters many times – by breaking down minarets and not allowing them to hold religious meetings, etc.”

Dawn.com; November 4, 2012 by Zofeen Ebrahim

From the media

Ahmadi businessman killed in Quetta

He was walking to his store when two unknown motorcyclists shot him.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 12, 2012

Wounded man (Ahmadi) dies.

Chaudhry Nusrat Mehmood 68, was wounded in an armed attack on October 19 in which his son-in-law Saad Farooq died and his father Farooq Ahmad was wounded. Saad's brother Ahmad Farooq was also wounded in the attack.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 29, 2012

As death toll mounts, Ahmadis fight back – with letters

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, November 2, 2012

Resident of Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) shot dead in Quetta

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 12, 2012

Chiniot: Case against Qadiani woman for proselytizing in the open

The daily Din; Lahore, November 30, 2012

Passengers suffer due closure of stop of the Millat Express in Chenab Nagar

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 5, 2012

Chenab Nagar: Gutters overflowing everywhere. Sweepers charge households to clean the drains in their front.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 8, 2012

Qadianis are conspiring to destroy Pakistan: Allama Hanif Chinioti

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, November 18, 2012

Dr Salam provided nuclear secrets to India and Israel: Maulana Ghulam Mustafa

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, November 23, 2012

SP among 5 killed in Peshawar suicide blast

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 8, 2012

Six killed in attack on army soldiers

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, November 22, 2012

Seven shot dead across Karachi

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 15, 2012

Sectarian tension in Karachi – 12 killed

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 12, 2012

3 Killed in suicide attack on Rangers' building. 21 injured (in Karachi).

The daily The News; Lahore, November 9, 2012

DI Khan: Bomb attack on mourning procession. 8 dead, 20 injured.

Bomb planted in garbage dump, set off by remote control. Most of the injured are children; 5 in critical state.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 25, 2012

Sectarian, militant attacks jolt nation. Terrorists hit all provinces, at least 25 killed.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 22, 2012

Bloodbath in Karachi continues; 11 killed

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 12, 2012

Another 20 gunned down in Karachi. Six seminary students among victims.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 11, 2012

80 Killed on sectarian ground last month, says party

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 2, 2012

Blast kills anti-Taliban Chief, 5 others

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 4, 2012

Mumbai case suspects trained at LeT camps: (State prosecutors)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 11, 2012

Blasphemy: school ransacked (in Lahore)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 1, 2012

Important meeting between Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan and Syed Munawwar Hasan

The other day there was an extremely cordial meeting between Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan the Chair of Tehrik Tahaffuz Pakistan and benefactor of Pakistan and Syed Munawwar Hasan, the Amir Jamaat Islami, in Mansura, Lahore.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 12, 2012

Aashura: Risk of terrorist attack. Mobile phone service cut in 49 cities. High alert security. 60 suspects arrested. Flag march by police and rangers in big cities. 90% of planted explosives defused. All vehicles forbidden to approach Imam Bargahs in sensitive cities. Pinion riding on motor cycles will be forbidden in entire country. Gunship helicopters on standby. Aerial recce of processions in South Punjab.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 24, 2012

Entry of 39 Ulema to Jhang banned

The daily The News; Lahore, November 2, 2012

Toba (Tek Singh): 29 Ulama and Zakirs banned to enter Toba for next three months

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, November 2, 2012

50 Ulema and Zakirs forbidden to enter District Chiniot during Muharram

The daily Jang; Lahore, November 11, 2012

'Gagging orders' for 33 ulema (by Muzaffar Garh admin)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 20, 2012

Procession mourners accused of blasphemy

Case registered against 222 people; 10 injured in scuffle

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, November 27, 2012

Attack on Malala is Jewish conspiracy: (Mulla) Zahurul Hussain

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, November 1, 2012

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www.dawn.com/2012/11/04/forbidden-faith

The Sharia punishment for apostasy should be enforced in the country earliest: Justice (Rtd) Nazir Akhtar

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, November 23, 2012

Interim order on Karachi situation issued (by SC)

Karachi, Nov: 3: The Supreme Court has observed that a number of instances clearly reflect “malafide” conduct of the Government of Sindh in dealing with the poor law and order situation in Sindh, particularly in Karachi, which if continued will never bring peace and rest to the province.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 4, 2012

Taliban decide to 'deal with' MQM's suppression: TTP spokesman

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We congratulate our Hindu Community on the Happy Occasion of Diwali: Qaim Ali Shah, Chief Minister Sindh

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 13, 2012

Israeli attacks on Gaza continue. 150 Palestinians dead.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 22, 2012

Salafi Jamaat demands demolition of Sphinx and Pyramids in Egypt

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 14, 2012

Dhaka: 2500 JI activists arrested for attacking the police

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 22, 2012

Decision to ban hateful religious literature (in the Punjab)

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It is forbidden in Sharia (haram) to talk to foreign media. Saudi Mufti

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 12, 2012

Emergency landing of an aircraft in US on finding passenger offering Islamic prayers. Worshiper arrested.

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Pakistan elected to UN rights council

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Nawaz hints at seat adjustment with PML factions, JI

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 20, 2012

Ji ready for alliance with the like-minded (Liaquat Baloch)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 21, 2012

Karachi turning into Taliban stronghold: Malik

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SI suspended (by DPO) for releasing blasphemy accused (in Toba Tek Singh)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 5, 2012

Christian girl (Rimsha) goes free finally

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 21, 2012

Ardehir Cowasjee passes away

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21 special trains for Sikh pilgrims

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 20, 2012

2000 Sikh pilgrims arrive Lahore by special train to participate in festivities of Guru Nanak's birthday

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400,000 arms licenses issued by PPP govt. (in Sindh). Sindh flooded with legal, illegal weapons.

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17 die after taking (cough) syrup in Lahore

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Op-ed: Pakistan: Violence against the Ahmadi community, a religious minority continues unabated

With its reelection to the Human Rights Council Pakistan must now show the world that it is serious about fulfilling its international obligations. One area that needs urgent attention is the violence committed against religious minorities, in particular the harassment and violence perpetrated against the Ahmadis, which often happens with the co-operation of the Police ...

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Op-ed: Focus on human rights

... Violence against religious minorities and smaller Muslim sects has increased by a wide margin and the condition of women and children is showing little improvement.

Whatever the government's priorities these days, it cannot afford to delay the task of bridging the gap between its human rights promises, and the common citizen's enjoyment of these entitlements cannot be delayed.

I.A. Rehman in the daily Dawn of November 8, 2012