

Administration and Police

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The Mullah demeans the Administration

Attock; December 10, 2019: Administration and the Mullah, two important pillars of Pak society, presented their junior echelons in a bout, wherein the administration's rep. a lady assistant commissioner was routed, demeaned and debased by a group of bearded students speaking mulla's language of bigotry, hate and extremism — even terrorism. The unequal fight was video-recorded and got viral on social media. It deserves to be placed on record, as it is demonstrative of the state of Pakistani society and state in 2019.

It was on December 10, 2019 when International Human Rights Day was being celebrated. A seminar was held in Attock (Punjab) also, where the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBNB5gTZIsg> shows an audience being addressed by Assistant Commissioner (AC) Ms Jannat Hussain Nekokara. The young lady, in her zeal to promote human rights talked of mutual tolerance, care for the minorities, shunning sectarianism, etc. She advised that regardless of our denomination, minorities, be they Shia, Sunni, Ahmadi, etc should be given their rights and our identity should be simply Pakistan, Muslim.

This lecture on tolerance, unity, human rights, especially the mention of Ahmadis was not liked by some in the audience. They made it a big issue and protested in a big way. They fielded a group of aggressive students, bunch of extremists in their late teens, incited them and urged them to demand a sitting with the District administration, with the aim to worsen the audacious AC. The senior most officials of the District apparently got cold sweat. They invited the student gang to a meeting where all the top brass of the district were seated. The rest is available on another video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6XoAguE0lk>.

The video shows approximately 20 youth wearing school/college uniform in the big room. One of them can be seen at the rostrum, while some are seated on chairs and others are standing by the wall. One of the students rebukes the AC in loud voice for her remarks and tells the high officials, (*translation*), "She talked of 'unity', she proposes that we team up with the enemies of the Prophet.... There can be no compromise on the issue of end of Prophethood, at any cost....Blasphemers must be killed even if he is your own father....Simply chop off his neck and throw it away.... No unity... such people (as the AC) create...chaos in the country.... They are enemies of the country...". At this, a senior boss assures him, "She'll be told to apologize". The goon shouted, "Yes, she should apologize in the presence of all; it should be then displayed in the entire media."

It should be mentioned that during the goon's tirade, none of the officials (approximately a dozen seated there) dared interrupt him or differ with him. In the background were stretched the Pakistan flag and the Punjab pennant. The plight of the state was visible, expressive and distressing.

Someone who saw this drama on the video, tweeted, "They (high officials) rather than advising or educating the students are telling the Assistant Commissioner to apologize!" One can see that the seniors and colleagues of the lady official deserted her when she most needed and deserved their support.

Surely, soon afterwards a get-together was arranged where all the rabble-rousers were present. The good lady was marched in, more like a criminal escorted by a few constables. The scared-looking wide-eyed AC attempted an explanation and an apology, while the video-recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wulGPbTYOXs> was underway, “We were talking about human rights and also of non-Muslim Pakistanis. I first talked about Kashmir, thereafter on human rights, then on human rights of minorities, non-Muslim Pakistanis. Well, I should not have mentioned the word ‘Ahmadis’ but then...I talked of mutual unity and shunning of discrimination so that we can face the external enemy.” At this the brat addressed her in great anger, “Listen to me, if the 1973 Constitution calls them (Ahmadis) non-Muslim and *Kafir*, . . .” At this, the petrified AC quickly endorsed him, “Sure; they are *Kafir*, non-Muslim,” “Then why are you talking of Unity; why are you talking of Unity,” questioned the youth. The AC shook her head and tried to explain, “All that I am saying, is that we should mutually...” The youth again interrupted her, “What mutually! 1973 Constitution...” At this a male official pleaded him, “Listen to her, please give her a hearing.” The youth cornered her again, “According to you, are Ahmadis, Muslim or non-Muslim?” The AC replied, “In my opinion, well they are non-Muslim as per the Constitution as also to me. My own child is named Muhammad. So, that is not the issue. You had a misunderstanding; there is no issue, nor do I believe differently, nor is my faith any different (than yours).” The goon was not impressed and retorted, “It is not material to name your son Muhammad; they too name themselves Ahmad, but they are Qadianis!” The AC pleaded again, “My, my faith...sure, they are Qadianis; they are non-Muslims, *Kafir*, Qadianis are *Kafir*. Satisfied? There is no dispute.”



Ms. Jannat Hussain explaining her faith to unruly students

Student: “OK, but your DSP has not arrived yet, the DC?”

Question (by someone else): “Well Madame, can you repeat what you said in the speech there?”

AC: “Yes. All that I said was that we should not indulge in our differences; only then shall we be able to face our external enemy....”

Someone interrupted: “Did you use the word, ‘Ahmadi?’”

AC: “I said, we should not practice ‘discrimination’ among ourselves.”

Interruption: “Madame, please clarify that there is a difference between Ahmadis and other non-Muslims.”

AC: “Yes. Ahmadis are non-Muslim; others too are non-Muslim, but Ahmadis are more (*ziadah*) non-Muslim, for they...deny...Khatme Nabuwwat.”

Student: “Describe your faith in Khatme Nabuwwat.”

AC: “I believe that Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) is the last Prophet... Prophethood has ended for ever... Anyone who claims to be a Prophet now or ever, even by a hint, will be a liar.”

On seeing this video, a “disgruntled Pakistani” tweeted: “Best bit is, all seemed so utterly helpless. I’ve never seen such object helplessness.”

Some Indian@Kumarnau315088 fittingly tweeted, "This is real Pakistan."

The BBC found these theatrics noteworthy and composed a lengthy pictorial description of its proceedings, including a number of brief comments expressed on Twitter, on BBC Urdu News on December 13, 2019. For example:

One Ateeq Ahmad, @ani-rajpool tweeted, "Where an Assistant Commissioner is not safe at the hand of these clerics, what would be the security for a common citizen? And what greater level of extremism if the protectors of the public themselves are unsafe and where a man has to prove himself to be a Muslim by proclaiming it repeatedly in presence of others?"

BBC quoted a tweet by someone Ifkhikhar: "If in a country an Assistant Commissioner has to defend herself before religious bigots and wretches and rascals, for promoting better treatment of minorities, that country has no right to criticize and condemn the Indian RSS, Hindutva bodies and state actions."

One Bilal Farooqi, @ bilalfqi retweeted Iftikhar as, "According to some reliable sources, Attock Assistant Commissioner Jannat Hussain Nekokara, a very competent officer, 3rd position holder in CSS-2014, winner of President's Gold Medal and her family facing threats because she spoke about Ahmadis. Govt must ensure her safety."

The well-known and out-spoken Ziauddin Yousafzai, father of the Nobel laureate Mallala Yousafzai did not hide his contempt for the perpetrators of this incident, and tweeted, "This shameful hooliganism and public harassment of a civil servant is highly condemnable."

@ZiauddinY on December13, 2019

Before closing this narrative it is worthwhile, even essential, to go a little deeper into this incident that unfolded in Attock. Not that it happened in Attock only, it happens almost every week all over, if not every day—in Attock, it only got recorded on videos that went viral and are available to all. Also, occasionally it explodes in a big way and sends shock waves all over the country and makes people think. For example, what happened in Oct/Nov 2017, only two years ago, was a mega version of this interaction between the mulla, the authorities and the politician. The issue even then was *Khatme Nabuwwat*. We refer to that episode here briefly.

Immediately prior to the so-called Faizabad riots/*Dharna* of November 2017, the politicians had passed a law that facilitated Ahmadis in a limited way to exercise their basic right of voting in general elections, although they could still not stand as candidates. The mulla found in this a great opportunity to reap political harvest and he raised a huge cry of protest against the fair new law. Mr. Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister found it convenient to immediately step back, and got the new law amended to push Ahmadis back to square one. However, the mulla would not loosen his teeth dug in PML-N's neck without drawing some blood. He demanded that the entire cabinet should resign and those who had played a role in drafting the law to facilitate Ahmadis' voting right should be punished. To enforce their will, mullas blockaded Islamabad and beat back police efforts to raise the blockade. The army refused to use force against the clerics. The government thus had to lick the earth, fired its law minister, paid damages to the blockaders, and allegedly presented a big purse to Mullas Rizvi and Qadri. These mullas went home in triumph as celebrities who had made huge political impact on the public and were very hopeful of a big vote in the forthcoming Elections 2018.

These mullas over-assessed their power and crossing the red-line next year, viciously attacked the judiciary and the army in October 2018. That was not acceptable to the powerful establishment, and the two mullas were neutralized.

The politicians did not learn their lesson even after the demeaning Faizabad episode; they leaned on mullas and made *Khatme Nabuwwat* (KN) the major issue for Election 2018. As they all raised the

KN flag, one wonders, if in the final analysis, it made any difference. However, the KN issue and the mulla's importance in national politics remains high—thanks to politicians and seniors of all state institutions.

Everyone who is conversant with Pakistan's history knows that this poisonous crop was sown in 1974 when Mr. Bhutto, in league with mullas, introduced anti-Ahmadi Amendment Nr. II to the Constitution. This crop is now yielding its copious bitter fruit all over the country. The mulla has been facilitated and has succeeded in creating a hard corps of fake Sunni supremacists. The issue of KN, which any smart analyst would quickly assess to be essentially semantic in essence, has been raised to the status of the Number 1 national issue.

One need not be a genius to conclude from the three Attock videos that the youth involved in the incident are no longer serious students; they are potential terrorists. Their spokesman who asserted that the deniers of end of prophethood "must be killed even if he is your father...Simply chop off his neck and throw it away..." must be the most sought after rascal by organizations like the Khatme Nabuwwat, the TTP, the LT, Je M, etc, all ready to offer him a leadership position.

Due credit can be given to Mr. Naseer Khan for choosing the right words in his worthy tweet of December 12, 2019 @ LHA#4 n:

"It is not the students' fault really. Politicians decided to use the support of extremist *maulvis* for political gain; now this is the kind of conditioning kids grow with. They become hate-mongering despots. Satanic reality."

These days Mr. Ali Annan Qamar is the DC and Syed Shehzad Bukhari is the DPO in Attock; Mr. Usman Buzdar (PTI) is the chief minister of the Punjab, while Mr. Imran Khan is the prime minister.

Ahmadi detained and house attacked with authorities' collaboration

Mahni Sial Chak Hans, District Khanewal; August 21, 2019: Mr. Irshad Ali and his brother are the only Ahmadi residents in this village. Mr. Ali fixed a steel plate with Islamic creed (*Kalima*) on his home's exterior. Over this some locals opposed him and the village chief sent for him and told him to remove the plate. He refused, saying that he would not take it off nor allow anyone do so, except if an official undertakes this enormity. The opponents filed an application with SDPO Kabir Wala against Mr. Ali.

On August 21, two policemen came to Mr. Ali's house and took him to the SHO Kabir Wala police station. Ali restated his stand in the police station that nobody except officials would be allowed to take that plate down. There was a heated argument at the police station, so the inspector arrested him along with his friends. The same night approximately twenty persons attacked his house. As only women and children were in the house, they told them to go away as there were no men in the house to talk to them. Then one of the attackers jumped over the wall, entered the house and opened the gate from inside. A number of miscreants entered the house and removed the *Kalima* plate. They also beat up the family and left some of them injured. Many phone calls were made to 15 by the victims but no one arrived for help. Later the wounded were taken to Kabir Wala Tehsil Hospital for medico-legal but the on-duty policeman refused the same on a false excuse, and asked them to visit the next day. The victims went to the police station but nobody attended to their complaint.

The next day on August 22, Mr. Ali and his fellows were released. It came to light that the DPO Khanewal was behind this incident. The police refused to register an FIR. The RPO Multan was out of the country in those days. On his return Ahmadis met him and he ordered registration of an FIR against the raiders.

Mischief against an Ahmadi averted

Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura; November 2019: Someone pasted an anti-Ahmadiyya poster on the front door and wall of Mr. Munir Ahmad who is pursuing the case of Mr. Khalil Ahmad who was murdered while in police custody in 2014. Khalil was one of the four Ahmadis who had been accused of tearing an anti-Ahmadiyya poster in the village. Later deadly blasphemy clause PPC 295-C was added to the charge sheet on the application of the opponent party. They were sentenced to death by the court and are now waiting for their appeal to be heard in the High Court. With this background Mr. Munir Ahmad got concerned on seeing this poster and informed the police instead of touching it. The police came and took a photo of the poster. Mr. Ahmad later met the DPO who heard him and assured him fairness.

PTI and the mulla

New York and Islamabad; September 2019 and November 2018: The words ‘the mulla’ in the heading above refers specifically to Mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj of Madinah University in Saudi Arabia. There is a very interesting but fateful, even ruinous link between him and the ruling PTI leadership. It is on the issue of *Riasat Madinah* (The State of Madinah, established by the Holy Prophet of Islam (p.b.u.h.) in Madinah soon after *Hijrah*). Re-establishment of some sort of *Riasat Madinah* is a declared motto of the PTI regime led by Mr. Imran Khan, the Prime Minister.

Mr. Imran Khan visited the U.S. in the last week of September 2019. There he addressed the UN General Assembly, Asia Society and other gatherings and gave interviews. All these events were very important and Mr. Khan referred to *Riasat Madinah* a number of times. We produce below some extracts from his talks, as these are significant and most relevant to the present story:

- **State (of Madinah) announced: all humans were equal; ...**
- **In Islam, it was a sacred duty to protect places of worship of all religions. It was announced that all human beings were equal.**
- **When a Muslim community is unjust to a Minority, it is going against the teachings of our religion.**
- **What is radical Islam? There is only ONE Islam and that is the Islam of Prophet (p.b.u.h.)... there is no such thing as radical Islam.**
- **... (T)he basis of ALL religion is compassion and justice.**

(From the Prime Minister’s address to the UN General Assembly)

- **We (in Pakistan) have laws protecting the weak, the minorities. And at times when these violations take place it’s because our enforcement, our implementation is weak.**
- **... (W)e have taken steps to protect our minorities. We have taken steps to protect the worship places of our—of the minorities.**

(Interview with Richard N. Haass, President Council on Foreign Relations)

Also the following:

- *Riasat Madinah* was the most modern state.
- *Riasat Madinah* was the first social welfare state in the world.
- **In *Riasat Madinah* people of all faiths enjoyed equal rights.**
- India’s religious bigotry is dangerous for others (peoples).

(Address to Asia Society in New York on September 26, 2019 as reported on state PTV Global at 14:15 the next day)

It was good of Mr. Imran Khan to say the above noble words and place his vision of *Riasat Madinah* on record at world forum. It is however problematic and significant if *Riasat Madinah* means different to his advisors and what the authorities in Pakistan arrange for the public to hear on this issue, during his watch. For instance:

The Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs organized a moot on November 20-21, 2018 in Islamabad, called it *Rahmat ulil Aalameen* (Mercy for the Universe) Conference but the given theme was glaring: **‘Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood) and Muslims’ Responsibilities...’**. In this grand conference held at public expense a number of clerics were invited to speak, including mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj from Saudi Arabia. He harangued the large crowd assembled in the Jinnah Convention Centre, and said the following, in the presence of Prime Minister Imran Khan seated a few feet away in the presidential chair at this auspicious and blessed occasion (extracts):

“PM Imran Khan, you deserve plaudits that you claim following the Islamic State of Madinah, and in that state the first consensus was to launch an armed operation from Madinah against one who claimed to be a prophet In this campaign 1200 Companions were martyred in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat and the honour of Prophethood. I am making you register that in a single action in support of the end of prophethood fought against Musailmah the liar, 1200 Companions were martyred to destroy him, as per decision of the State. In these words, Mr. Prime Minister, our responsibilities are to make the people conscious (*sha’ur*) of Khatme Nabuwwat.... With these words I request the Prime Minister that the country is descending into chaos; we need to make the public aware (*sha’ur*).

“In this (drive for) awareness, my foremost demand is that whatever restrictions are imposed on Qadianis in our Constitution should be implemented by the Prime Minister; also he should implement the penalty (*of death*) imposed on blasphemers as per the law of 295-C. We are with him; our prayers are with him...”.



Mulla Siraj lectures Mr. Imran Khan the Prime Minister.

This mulla, in a huge public conference, with the Prime Minister seated nearby, directly and indirectly demanded and exhorted him to launch an armed operation against a small peaceful group of citizens and nationals of Pakistan and to shed blood. Mulla Siraj told him of the high priority merited by this issue if he was sincere about his aim of following the *Riasat Madinah*. The mulla assured him total support in this.

When this mulla moved away from the podium, nobody, neither the Prime Minister nor his minister of religious affairs told this mulla and the audience that he had quoted the campaign against Musailmah out of context and with no relevance. Musailmah had risen in armed rebellion against the

nascent State of Madinah. His claim to prophethood was only ancillary in nature. That situation was not even remotely similar to the case in Pakistan.

Siraj was also horribly wrong in assuming that the *Riasat Madinah* came into being with the installation of the First Khalifa Abu Bakr (RA); it came into being when the Holy Prophet p.b.u.h. was acknowledged as the local Head by all the religious, tribal and ethnic communities residing at Madinah. In fact that was its most golden period. It is a pity no one pointed that out to Mulla Siraj in that Conference attended by great scholars and politicians.

A YouTube video of the Islamabad event shows this indiscreet mulla unabashedly asserting his most wrongful understanding of *Riasat Madinah* and pointing his finger repeatedly at the Prime Minister as if he was addressing an underling, a supporter. He appeared drunk with the power voluntarily surrendered by the state of Pakistan to Islamist clerics. Also, he knew that he had come from the land of petro-dollars—Saudi Arabia.

Mulla Siraj did a great disservice to PTI by stating his distorted views in public on this important issue. It is said that a man is known by the company he keeps. Surely, had Mr. Khan known in advance of what this mulla was going to say, he would not have been invited by the Ministry. These clerics cost a good deal on invitation to such events.

It is hoped that after this bigoted outburst Mulla Siraj is marked in red, never to be invited again by any government in Pakistan. His understanding of Islam is grossly different than that of Prime Minister Imran Khan, according to whom “There is only ONE Islam...there is no such thing as radical Islam.”

Fake and malicious news on official PTV

Rabwah: Pakistan’s state television PTV aired a 6-year old fabricated and malicious anti-Ahmadiyya statement of an Indian leader. This malign, hurtful, and unwarranted act by the national broadcaster was strongly and appropriately rebutted by the central office of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. We reproduce below its press release; this explains adequately the issue:

Press Section, Nazarat Umoo Aama Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan Rabwah

09.10.2019

Press Release

The state broadcaster PTV News aired fake news based on a 6-year old statement to malign a persecuted and peace loving community.

How come no one at PTV News did not verify the six year old statement of the Indian Gujrat’s Congress leader Shankar Singh Vaghela against Ahmadiyya Community?

This action is condemnable and provocative: spokesperson Jamaat Ahmadiyya, Pakistan

Chenab Nagar (PR) The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan, Saleem ud Din, strongly condemned the state broadcaster PTV News for airing false and baseless accusations made by a Congress leader of Gujrat, Shankar Singh Vaghela. The comments, actually made 6 years ago, were categorically false and baseless but still PTV News decided to air those on 6 October 2019.

Saleem ud Din said that associating the Ahmadiyya Community with the Hindu extremist outfit RSS was contemptible and abhorrent. Over the past 100 years the community has a track record of promoting peace and harmony. It is also a non-violent and not-political community that has endured persecution and terrorism both in India and Pakistan. The motto of the community is Love for All, Hatred for None, and the community stands by it.

Saleem ud Din added that in the age of digital development and modern means of communication, the slightest bit of research, even simple Google search would have shown to anyone willing to seek the truth that the statement in question was made in 2013 and the community asked the politician in question to apologize for what he had said. The statement can be viewed at the following link:

<https://themuslimtimes.info/2013/11/16/ahmadiyya-muslim-community-demands-apology-from-shankar-singh-waghela/>

The spokesperson said that the community has been a constant target of extremism and violence for many years now. Ahmadis believe in peace, justice and equality, and the history of the community is testimony to this. Broadcasting this statement now on PTV and other channels, in the context of the recent unrest between Pakistan and India is reckless and irresponsible. He further said that airing this statement without any background research is a preplanned scheme and then broadcasting it on TV suggested that this was an act of mischief. The spokesperson called on the Ministry of Information to investigate the matter.

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Reconstruction of Ahmadiyya worship place denied

This story is from Mardan KPK. Independenturdu.com/node/21206... issued the following story on November 11, 2019.

Home Page: Reconstruction of Ahmadiyya worship place — “Issue is Sensitive; We Dismiss the Complaint.”

A complaint was made on Pakistan Citizen Portal to rebuild an Ahmadiyya worship place in District Mardan of KPK. A screen shot of the complaint was uploaded on social media; it became viral. As a result, unrest spread in the area and demonstrators took to the road.

This complaint was made by a resident of Mardan on October 3. It demanded that the worship place in Bikat Ganj, destroyed in 1988, should be rebuilt.

The complainant was of the opinion that “The Prime Minister Imran Khan talks of minorities’ rights in Pakistan. If minorities have all the rights in Pakistan, how come their worship place has not been rebuilt yet?”

The Director Human Rights took note of the complaint on October 4 and wrote to the Secretary Auqaf and Religious Affairs to look into the case so as to grant the complaint.

As per Citizen Portal, the Secretary Auqaf wrote to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mardan on October 18 that a fact-finding report be compiled and submitted to the Department of Religious Affairs.

At this, the DC wrote to the Assistant Commissioner (AC) Mardan on October 21 to compile a report on this issue within three days and forward the same so that the concerned department is intimated to redress the complaint.

On November 1, the complainant was informed that his complaint had been forwarded to the Tehsildar for inquiry and follow up.

When this issue got viral on social media, a protest demonstration was held in Mardan. Thereafter on December 10, the complainant was informed on Citizen Portal: “This is a sensitive religious issue, as such it does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Portal; hence your complaint is dismissed.”

On this issue religious organizations and citizens of Mardan held a demonstration that was led by a local leader of PTI who is a former Neighborhood Council Nazim, Mr. Sajid Iqbal Mehmmand.

Sajid told the Independenturdu, “We were told that the government intends to rebuild the Ahmadiyya worship place to redress the complaint; this we shall never let happen.”

He claimed that now only a few Ahmadis are left in Mardan who provoke us through such cunning (*hathkanday*). “If there are hardly any Ahmadis in Mardan, why build them a worship place? Ahmadis are non-Muslims as per the Constitution of Pakistan; they cannot call their worship place a Masjid, nor can they build a

worship place in the style of a Masjid”, he added. He further intimated that a delegation including some Ulama called on the Deputy Commissioner on this issue. The DC assured them that the government has no plan to build a worship place in the neighborhood; also they believe in the honor of the Prophet and would not undertake such an act.

On this issue, Mr. Abid Wazir the DC Mardan spoke to the media the other day and said, “This complaint was made on the Citizen Portal; no action was taken on it, nor shall be taken.”

He told the visiting delegation, “You will lead the drive for honor of the Prophet, and we shall follow you. This was merely a complaint on Citizen Portal. The rest is all rumors; pay no attention to them.”

Mr. Abdul Sattar, a local journalist told the Independenturdu that a mob had demolished this worship place in 1988; thereafter the land plot was declared disputed and was taken over by the state.

He stated that decades ago a few prominent Ahmadi business families resided in Mardan; now they have shifted from here.

According to Abdul Sattar, the person who made the complaint on Citizen Portal is a claimant to the disputed plot, but the administration has dismissed his complaint.

He added that the locals had suggested to the DC that if agreed the district administration could buy this plot and build a Masjid on it to which the DC replied that this was not possible as the plot was in dispute.

Comment on the above report:

1. Note the attitude of the state and the society to a worship place of a ‘minority’.
2. The agitation against the complaint was led by a PTI activist and local leader. What is the difference between the leadership of the PTI and the JUI (F)?
3. DC volunteers to follow the lead of bigots on the issue of honor of prophethood in the context of rebuilding a worship place destroyed by a mob!
4. How quickly the Religious Affairs Division raised their hands from attending to a fair complaint by an Ahmadi?

With this attitude at home how is the Muslim majority in Pakistan justified to complain against the demolition of the Babri Masjid in India and the Supreme Court of India’s verdict to not hand over the site to the Muslim minority?

The plight of an attempt to improve text books

Lahore; July 11, 2019: It is well-known that the international community has since long urged the government of Pakistan to sanitize its text books and make sure that contents insulting or prejudicial to minority religious and racial groups are removed to meet international standards of decency and tolerance. The government of Pakistan, when confronted with plain evidence, has apparently decided to comply. However, the devil lies in detail.

It is also common knowledge that in the guise of “*Khatme Nabuwwat*” the mulla indulges frequently in his anti-Ahmadi tirade. Text books and syllabi are no exception. The education authorities apparently made some moves to cater for Pakistan’s international commitments in this regard, but had to step back on orders of political bosses. It happened in KPK. Now there is somewhat similar, even worse news from the Punjab. We translate below a news story from the daily *Express*, Faisalabad of July 11, 2019:

Police case registered for tampering with belief in End of Prophethood in school text book

The mistake was pointed out prior to the publication: Deputy Director Punjab Text Book Board

Lahore (Muhammad Umair): A police case was registered against Messrs GFH Publishers and authors Muhammad Hussain Chaudhary and Ms. Aazami Uzma in Police Station Anarkali, on the complaint of Deputy

Director Punjab Text Book Board Muhammad Akhtar over the issue of tampering (*tehrif*) with the belief in Khatme Nabuwat in the 9th class text book on Pakistan Studies. In addition, 36,000 copies of the said book have been confiscated. As per the FIR, the Punjab Curriculum and Text Book Board has come to know that on page 5 of the Pakistan Studies text book of the 9th grade, some deletions have been made in the existing chapter on the issue of End of Prophethood and a great wrong has been done by change in the text, which has hurt religious sensitivities of Muslims. As per police, the case has been registered under various PPCs including 295-C. Mr. Muhammad Akhtar, the complainant told the Express that the error had been pointed out prior to the printing but remedial action was not undertaken.

From the above, the following is particularly noteworthy:

1. The police case has been registered at the official request of the Punjab Text Book Board. It is perhaps first such action in this field – ever.
2. The PPCs applied include 295-C for which the penalty is death. Obviously the prime mover is some mulla, not the Chairman of the Board.
3. The Deputy Director goes about talking to the press to further justify his departmental action. It shows the extent to which the Punjab bureaucracy has allowed itself to be manipulated by the mulla.
4. All this is not feasible except by political direction.

Ahmadis abused on Human Rights day in procession led by an Assistant Commissioner

Attock; December 10, 2019: Human Rights day was celebrated in Pakistan. Different rallies and conferences were held in the country. One such rally was organized in Attock, where AC Attock Ms. Jannat Hussain was seen in the front row carrying a banner, “Human Rights Day.” Mostly the followers in the rally were students to whom she spoke earlier and emphasized equal rights for all minorities including Ahmadis. This enraged some of them. Later she had to explain her faith to those students. In the subsequent rally those students chanted anti-Ahmadiyya slogans like “**Countless curses on Qadianis.**” This shows human rights for all except Ahmadis in Pakistan.



The Assistant Commissioner found it convenient to lead this rally.

Police up and running against Ahmadis in Bahawalpur

Bahawalpur; September 2019: The police in September visited several Ahmadiyya worship places in the district for checks and control. They visited prayer centres in Bahawalpur city, Chak 23/DNB, Ahmadpur Sharqia, Uch Sharif, Basti Shukrani, Basti Tahir Khan, Hasilpur and Chak 183 Murad. They looked for Ahmadiyya translations of the Holy Quran, inscription of the *Kalima*, Ahmadiyya literature, Islamic publications etc. They photographed all these and took some away with them. In Basti Tahir Khan they told the local president to stand next to a

Kalima banner and photographed him, as if to produce pictorial evidence for his prosecution. This amounted to great harassment. In fact, in the days of dictator Zia, Zardari and Mian Brothers in Islamabad such blatant inspection of Ahmadiyya places of worship was a rare happening. Now for the police in Bahawalpur to indulge in such district-wide sweep is simply ugly.

The police checks for Islamic literature in Ahmadiyya mosques reminds one of Taliban-ruled Afghanistan where Australian missionaries were arrested for carrying Bible.

Pakistan Citizen Portal—a flaw introduced!

Toba Tek Singh; November 2019: Mr. Shehzad of Pir Mahal and his family were facing great difficulties on joining the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. In this, a local mulla was in the forefront leading the agitation against the poor victim.

A few decent community elders took up the issue with the mulla and told him to consider leaving alone the poor fellow. The mulla told them that if Shehzad shares with him the money he received from Ahmadis on ‘conversion’, he would spare him. At this Shehzad told them that he had been given no money. The mulla refused to accept his statement and demanded that Shehzad make that statement on oath of the Holy Quran. Shehzad did that, and was spared—at least for the present.

The worsening security situation for Ahmadis in Pir Mahal was reported and a complaint was made on Prime Minister’s Pakistan Citizen Portal. In response, Ahmadis were told that this issue is a sensitive one; as such the Portal is unable to proceed further on this.

In our opinion, this Portal idea by the Prime Minister Imran Khan is a good one. However, we are not sure that the PM has instructed its officials to stay clear of sensitive issues. This self-restrictive condition has perhaps been applied at a lower level without due authority. Surely the PM would not tell his functionaries to look the other way if a community’s frail security situation is reported to them on his meritorious Portal.

This report from Ahmadis of District Toba Tek Singh deserves an inquiry for a policy decision.

Authorities move on sham complaint

Chak Nr. 6 Bumbaseer, Distt. Bahawalpur; August 2019: A plot of land, owned by Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya is located here. It was an open plot with no surrounding walls. So, to avoid trespass it was decided to build its surrounding walls. The construction began and it was ninety percent complete when the police came there and said that they had received a report that Ahmadis were building a worship place. They took some photographs, prepared a video of the site and went away.

Anti-Ahmadiyya banners in provincial capital of the Punjab

Dehli Gate, Lahore; November, 2019: It was reported that an unidentified man put three anti-Ahmadiyya panaflexes in Dehli Gate area of Lahore, carrying: “*I believe Qadianis to be infidels—no argument*” and “*Qadianis are wajib ul qatl (Must be killed)*”. Police were informed of the panaflexes. They removed the panaflexes and took CCTV footage for the identification of the accused. Now these have appeared again in different locations at Lahore. These were reported to the police who took action. The panaflexes were removed but some shops still show hateful stickers.

Photo of one such display is placed at Annex IV. Mr. Ali Usman Qasmi, a renowned journalist tweeted the following on this issue:

"Open incitement to violence against Ahmadis describing them 'Wajib-ul-qatl' (worthy of death) and threatening to make Rabwah's soil red with blood. This is not some far off area, the picture was taken outside the Dehli Gate in Lahore right in front of the police station."

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