PEMRA wimps out of its notices to TV channels on Ahmadiyya issue

The daily Dawn reported the incident initially in its issue of September 16, 2016 as follows:

“LAHORE: The Pakistan Electronic Media Regularity Authority (Pemra) took notice of complaints against two television channels for airing ‘provocative’ content against the Ahmadi community.

“Anjuman Ahmedia Pakistan president registered a complaint with the media watchdog against Neo TV and Channel 92 alongside "a large number of complaints from the general public" against content aired by Neo TV's 'Harf-e-Raz' and Channel 92's 'Subha-e-Noor' shows, a Pemra statement said.

“The complaints termed the content aired in the shows as "provocative against a minority whose members are already threatened, harassed and have suffered a number of terrorist attacks in the past".

“The complainants have also mentioned that such programming serves no national interest and is rather incitement to violence against minorities which is in violations of National Action Plan and Pemra laws.”

“Pemra forwarded the complaint to the Council of Complaints in Lahore for further action, adding that complainants had requested the regulator to take action against content "promoting disharmony among people".

“The regulatory body made it clear that according to Pemra laws, both the channels and complainants will be provided with opportunities for hearing before a decision is recommended.”

The regulatory body issued notices to all concerned. The accused apparently decided to confront the PEMRA, all guns blazing.

The Khatme Nabuwat organisations’ mulls made hue and cry over the PEMRA notices to the two TV channels. Some reports from the vernacular dailies are reproduced below:

The PEMRA notice to private channels is deplorable: Majlis Ahrar (Islam)

*The daily Islam; Lahore, September 18, 2016*

The notice issued to TV channels for the programme on Khatme Nabuwat and rebuttal of Qadianiat is condemnable: Abdul Lateef (Tehrik Khatme Nabuwat Rabita Committee)

*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, September 19, 2016*

PEMRA’s decision is entirely pro-Qadianiat: Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat

*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, September 21, 2016*

The programme on rebuttal of Qadianiat: the notice to the channels should be withdrawn – a letter to Pemra

The programme was in accord with the Quran, Hadith and the decision of the parliament: Member Rabita Committee Khatme Nabuwat

*The daily Islam; Lahore, September 23, 2016*

PEMRA should apologize for sending notices to the channels: Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat

*The daily Islam; Lahore, September 26, 2016*
The daily Dawn eventually reported the end result in its issue of September 30, 2016:

"LAHORE: The Council of Complaints of the Pakistan Electronic Media Regularity Authority (Pemra) dismissed on Thursday the complaints of the minority Ahmadi community against two private TV channels as ‘non-maintainable’.

The decision was made after a mob entered the Pemra office in the Cantonment area, asking the authority to quash the complaints and raising slogans against the Ahmadi community.

Acting on complaints, Pemra had called the hosts of Neo TV’s talk show ‘Harf-i-Raz’ and Channel 92’s ‘Subh-i-Noor’ to explain their position over allegations of ‘provoking’ people to resort to violence against the minority community.

The representatives of the community were also present there when a good number of people, including clerics, entered the Pemra office, asking the authority to quash the complaints.

A Pemra official told Dawn that the authority had to call police to control the situation. “Police rescued representatives of the Ahmadi community who could not record their statements before the council,” he said.

Jamaat-i-Ahmadiyya spokesman Saleemuddin said the council had issued the verdict “under pressure” and without hearing the complainants instead of taking action against those involved in putting lives of the minority community members in danger.

The complainants in their applications to Pemra had alleged that the content aired in the two shows contained “provocative” remarks against a minority community whose members were already threatened, harassed and had suffered terrorist attacks in the past.

The content fostered disharmony among people and incited them to violence against minorities which was in violation of the National Action Plan and Pemra laws, they said.

Pemra said in a statement that in response to a public announcement made on Facebook by Orya Maqbool Jaan, the anchor of Neo TV, over 100 lawyers and other people, led by Mr Jaan, entered the conference room of the authority’s office and raised slogans.

“However, it said, after considering the content of the complaints and hearing the respondents, the council unanimously recommended that the complaints were not maintainable.”

It is worth mentioning that when Ahmadiyya delegation reached there, they saw a few mulls and lawyers already present there. Hassan Muaviya (brother of Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi – Chairman of Pakistan Ulama Council) was also there. This mulla is very active on anti-Ahmadiyya front and serves as ever-ready complainant in most of the anti-Ahmadiyya cases in Lahore. The Ahmadiyya delegation waited for two hours for their turn to state their case but were not invited to do so. Eventually the PEMRA called the police, but the two departments jointly decided to yield to the threatening bigots. The police were asked to provide safe return to the Ahmadi delegation who protested against non-hearing of their plea.

After the hateful programs, the Daily Times issued an article titled Neo’s hate speech and PEMRA’s inaction on September 12, 2016; its opening paragraphs mentioned:

“Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra) is completely silent on Neo channel’s abusive hate speech against the Ahmadi community. Hamza Ali Abbasi’s show during Ramzan was promptly banned because Abbasi dared to speak out about the fundamental human rights of a peaceful community that has been repeatedly wronged by Pakistan since September 7, 1974. Now Orya Maqbool Jan’s abuse against the Ahmadis has been allowed without check by Pemra. These are double standards, and all I can say at this point is shame. On all of us.
“That it was hate speech is unquestionable. Ahmadis and their sect’s founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, were painted as British plants by Neo and Jan. Ironic to say the least! Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was for the longest time seen by the Muslim community as a valiant ideological warrior against the onslaught of Christian missionaries on the faith. This was before his more controversial claims were aired. To accuse him of being a British lackey is a travesty of justice and fair-mindedness. You can have a theological disagreement with his claims, but to try and retrofit British perfidy on to him cannot be sustained in the eyes of historical evidence.”

The entire op-ed is very relevant and readable. It is reproduced at Annex.

The daily The Express Tribune published the following story as well on October 3, 2016 under the title, “When custodians of law turn into an unruly mob,” (extract):
“A group of lawyers, under the leadership of Lahore High Court Bar Association President Rana Zia Abdur Rehman and LHCBA Secretary Anas Ghazi, and enraged clerics from different seminaries barged in the office of Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra), Lahore, where its Council of Complaints was holding a meeting on the complaint of Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya, who had accused two TV channels of airing programmes aimed at spreading hatred regarding them.

“The lawyers would have not done so had the former judge of LHC, and father of LHCBA secretary, Nazir Ghazi, not been among those against whom Pemra had initiated proceedings.

“Nazir was the host of the show, aired on September 7, in which the members of Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya said remarks were made against them.

“The enraged lawyers and clerics also hindered the Council of Complaints to an extent that it could not continue the proceedings.

“A Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya representative, who was at the Pemra office, had to hide in the premises to save themselves. However, the council had to carry out the proceedings under the influence of the protesting lawyers and clerics, because of which the application filed by representatives of Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya was disposed of without the complainant being heard.

“So the rule of “no one can be condemned unheard” was compromised. No action was taken or even demanded by Pemra, under Section 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions) of Pakistan Penal Code.”

The above led to the claim: “The rejection of Qadiani application against TV channels is our triumph: Khatme Nabuwwat Rabita Committee”

The daily Islam; Lahore, September 30, 2016

Khaled Ahmad, a renowned columnist has recently written a book: Sleep Walking to Surrender; dealing with terrorism in Pakistan. It was briefly reviewed in The Friday Times of September 30, 2016. Following extract of that review appears relevant to this case, in particular the mention of ‘deep state’:

“Non-state actors, and the extremist terror outfits they control, pursue extortion, kidnapping and murder to fund their activities, and receive ideological, financial and logistical support from the deep state. The army continues to use them in its India-centric agenda. Civilian institutions are intimidated and individuals who speak out against the terror outfits become targets of their retribution. Violence, not law, increasingly commands human conduct, and the state’s willingness to enter into ‘peace talks’ with the Taliban is viewed as a form of surrender to extremism.

“Khaled Ahmed is Pakistan’s most respected columnist, and his formidable expertise on the ideologies of extremism is internationally acknowledged. In Sleepwalking to Surrender, he analyses the terrible toll terrorism has taken on Pakistan and appraises the portents for the future.”
Mullas gang up against Rabwah family and employ police backing

Rabwah: September 22, 2016: While resisting a dreadful case of social harassment, an Ahmadi family was swooped on by a gang of mullas; this resulted in a quarrel in which the police did the mullas’ bid who enlisted help of a politically powerful mulla, Ilyas Chinioti, a PML (N) MPA. The police booked 5 named Ahmadis and unabashedly another 55 as unnamed.

Briefly, Mr. Rashid Ahmad Butt’s family was harassed for three days when someone would throw in a written message for their daughter. Surveillance was activated to catch the culprit. On September 22, 2016 the team discovered him when he threw in a note. The note demanded: Million rupees, or marriage, or bullet – a pistol bullet was enclosed for effect. The man was one Zeeshan Ahmad Butt who had quit the Jamaat sometimes back. When the team tried to seize him, he ran and entered his home which was nearby. There, he telephoned mulla Usama Rahim of Nasirabad (approximately 5 kilometers away) and sought his help. The mulla arrived in company; one of those had donned a veil. Mulla Usama is primarily a criminal, a delinquent who is thriving on making mischief in Rabwah. He and his men had indulged in a quarrel there a few days earlier as well, and the police were informed of their mischief but they took no action against him.

This time again, Usama and his team indulged in bad-mouthing the Ahmadis, started making a video and became violent. The Ahmadis defended themselves. The police and some senior citizens present there prevented escalation, and the two sides came to no serious physical harm. The police required both the parties to report to the police station in the evening.

The mullas accompanied by approximately 30 men arrived at the police station; so did 25 Ahmadis. Ahmadis put in a written complaint for registration of a counter FIR.

At this stage, Mulla Ilyas Chinioti, the PML (N)-MPA from Chiniot accompanied by a large number of supporters arrived at the police station and intervened. The DSP also arrived and the issue, which essentially was of law and order, became political and religious. Ahmadis were, of course, worsened. Their counter FIR was not entertained by the police, instead they detained all the 25 members of the visiting Ahmadi delegation, and told them to present the five named accused, if they wanted these 25 to be released. As for the counter FIR, Ahmadis were told to approach the DPO. The mullah’s complaint had already been registered and followed-up.

The Ahmadi delegation was released after the 5 named accused had presented themselves. A judge sent them to judicial custody. On September 26, they were sent to the prison in Jhang. A plea for their release on bail has been made; a decision is awaited.

The vernacular press, as usual, printed the mulla’s version – mostly fabricated and false.

The harassed Ahmadi family had to shift elsewhere to avoid continued harassment.

An Ahmadi’s factory torched

Sheikhupura; September 12, 2016: A factory owned by two Ahmadi brothers, Mr. Nasir Mahmood and Mr. Zafarullah S/O Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad Jutt was set on fire. Plastic wares were manufactured in the factory.
The factory was closed for the Eid holidays from 11 – 16 September, 2016. All sui-gas units and valves were shut. A guard of the factory informed Mr. Zafarullah on September 12 that there was fire in the factory. He rushed to the factory and called the fire services. It took them two hours to extinguish the fire. All the manufactured items, the machinery and the raw material were burnt. The police arrived at the scene and initiated an investigation.

Mr. Mahmood and Mr. Zafarullah are facing religion-based hostility and a virtual boycott at their place of residence, and the factory is located nearby. Nobody came to condole with them the recent death of their father. Again, no one came to sympathize with them after their factory was burnt down. The fire was most likely lit by someone motivated by religious hostility.

**A top cleric, from official Pakistan, calls for execution of Ahmadis**

*Lalian, District Chiniot; September 26, 2016:* Mufti Munib-ur-Rahman is the Chairman of Pakistan’s official ‘Ruet-e-Hilal Committee’. He is paid his salary from public funds. The daily Dunya of Faisalabad reported the following from Lalian, quoting this Mufti:

> “According to the Constitution of Pakistan, Qadianis are deniers of Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood) and are hence outside the fold of Islam; since the penalty for violation (ghaddari) of the Constitution is death, this penalty should also be imposed on deniers of the End of Prophethood. He expressed this view in the annual Tajdar Khatme Nabuwwat Conference in Lalian. He told the youth to turn to madrassahs to escape from Qadiani maneuvers.

> “….Twenty-seven ulama including Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani (ex-chair JUP) played key role (in 1974) to get the Qadianis declared Non-Muslims. Muslims should boycott Qadiani products....”

It may be added that Mufti Munib holds a position at the federal level, while the government has been accused of dragging its feet on the implementation of NAP in dealing with the top brass of sectarian and extremist elements like this Mufti. For instance:

- **NAP a gross failure; Quetta incident is Interior Minister’s failure:** Khurshid Shah (of PPP)
  *The daily Khabrain; August 12, 2016*

- **Laxity on NAP affecting Zarb-e-Azb:** COAS
  *The News; August 13, 2016*

![Mufti Munib ur Rahman (Chairman Ruet Hilal Committee)](image)
✓ Hateful speeches totally unacceptable: Shahbaz Sharif (the Chief Minister of the Punjab)

(Note: Lalian is located in the central Punjab, and is 10 kilometers from Rabwah, Ahmadiyya headquarters.)

✓ The presented facts show that there is contradiction in govt’s statements and actions. Justice JS Khwaja

P.S: Mufti Munib can be a part-realyst at times. Sometimes back, while addressing a rally in Mirpur (AJK), he said, “We (the Muslims) are drowned in ignorance and misdirection (gumrahi); we’ll have to have pity on ourselves.” True, but he himself is unable to do that; it is unrealistic to expect the same of others.

**Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah**

*September 7, 2016:* Mulas hold rallies and conferences on September 7 to commemorate the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan. This amendment was implemented by the Zulfiqar Bhutto government in 1974, through which Ahmadis were declared not-Muslims. This amendment opened the gate of persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Mulas now hold a special conference every year in Rabwah – the centre of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan, where Ahmadis are more than 95% of the population. Mulas come from far and wide to hurl abuses against the residents of the town and the persons they respect. Every year authorities allow and facilitate this conference in Rabwah despite request from Ahmadiyya headquarters to disallow this provocative conference in their town.

This year again Ahmadiyya central office wrote to the authorities to disallow this conference. “There is high probability that the rally would affect this town’s law and order, especially when the general situation in the country is already not satisfactory,” they wrote, in addition to a mention of the routine provocative and incendiary nature of this gathering and its proceedings. Authorities paid no heed to the Ahmadiyya application and allowed the mulls to hold this sectarian conference despite the policy initiative required vide the National Action Plan.

On the other hand when Ahmadis request permission to hold their traditional conference in their own centre, the authorities do not even acknowledge the receipt of the application.

This conference was held in Rabwah on September 7, 2016 in two main sessions. The first session started at 15:00 and ended at 17:00. Maulvis Muhammad Yusuf Farooqi, Mumtaz Ahmad Awan both from Lahore, Shuaib Ahmad Khan from Mianwali and Freed Ahmad Paracha (Deputy Amir of JJ) addressed the audience and used hostile language against Ahmadis.

The second session started at 21:00 and lasted until 03:30 the next day. Following mulas spoke in this session: Maulvi Hafeez Makki of Saudi Arabia, Javed Qasuri of Lahore, Abdul Majid of Gujranwala, Ilyas Chinioti (MPA of PML-N), Ataul Muhammad Bukhari, Muhammad Riaz Gujrat, Hafiz Allah Yar, Samiullah, Shahbaz Ahmad Gujjar of Jhang, Abdul Qayyum, Shahbaz Rasul and Shafa’at Rasul Qadri. All the above mulas spoke against
the Ahmadiyya community, asked them to accept Islam, and called them rebels against the state.

The conference proceedings were reported by the vernacular press. Some statements of speakers are reproduced below from these dailies.

Maulvi Abdul Hafeez Makki (of Makka in Saudi Arabia) presided over the last session and said, “... Qadianis have deceived the Muslim world.... Qadianis have done irreparable damage to Islam and the country, and are busy today to turn it into a failed state.” *The daily Islam; September 9, 2016*

Mufi Muhammad Tayyab said, “… Qadianiat is not a religion, it is the name of a terrorist organization; the centre of terrorism is Chenab Nagar (Rabwah).” *The daily Islam; September 9, 2016*

Abdul Rauf Qasmi said, “There are only two courses open to Qadianis: Accept Islam and become our brothers or accept your constitutional status.” *The daily Islam; September 9, 2016*

Fareed Ahmad Paracha, Deputy Amir of JI said, “…Rebels of the country should be dealt with firmly (referring to Ahmadies).... Allama Iqbal was the first to propose to declare Qadianis as non-Muslims and Quad-i-Azam supported it (sic). ... There is a need to show the difference between Jihad and terrorism....” *The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; September 8, 2016* Mr. Paracha attributed his lie to the Quaid-e-Azam, obviously following his mentor Maududi’s fatwa that a lie in support of Faith is obligatory (Wajib) at times.

Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani said, “... We cannot get rid of this so-called war on terrorism unless we shed off American slavery... If the government implements Islamic system in the country, peace will automatically follow. ... We’ll leave no stone unturned in chasing Qadianiat in the whole world....” *The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; September 8, 2016*

Ahmad Shuaib Khan of Mianwali said, “... In order to support the British agenda Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani claimed the false prophethood and strove to dampen the Jihadi sentiment and urge for freedom among Muslims...” *The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; September 8, 2016*

Haji Meraj Qureshi said, “... If Muslims keep on showing such unity, the day will come soon when Qadianiat and their sympathizers would be wiped away....” *The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; September 8, 2016*

Mufti Qureshi said, “Pakistan is like a mosque to us; its protection is our duty.” *The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; September 8, 2016*

Following resolutions were adopted in the conference, *inter alia*. Their verbosity has been abridged to save space:

- Qadianis are busy in anti-Islam and anti-Pakistan manipulations and are contriving to impose their effectiveness in the government. Their activities should be banned, and they should be removed from all key posts.
- Entry of religion should be added to the computerized national identity card or change the colour of the ID cards for Muslims to ensure indication of the religious difference according to the constitutional requirement (sic).
- The Qadiani printing press in Chenab Nagar should be sealed.
- Qadiani TV channel (MTA) is spreading disorder and mischief and blaspheming Islamic beliefs. Government should ban its reception as also the publication of Qadiani magazines and periodicals.
- Quranic verses should be erased from all the worship places of Qadianis as these mislead common Muslims and are in clear violation of the anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance.
➢ Sharia penalty for apostasy (death!) should be imposed as per recommendations of the CII.
➢ Sharia should be imposed in this country that came into existence in the name of Islam.
➢ Government should include chapters and lessons on Khatme Nabuwwat in the education syllabi throughout the country. The syllabus should be Islamic and in accord with the Constitution, rather than secular.
➢ Qadiani endowments should be taken over by the government, as in case of other non-Muslims.
➢ Anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance should be implemented vigorously and Qadianis should be stopped from posing as Muslims.
➢ Government should take notice of Qadianis’ unlawful activities and make them abide by the law and stop them from injuring religious feelings of Muslims.

According to the press reports more than a thousand security personnel plus hundreds of volunteers performed security duty.

Following points are also derived from the press release provided to the media by the conference management:

1. Volunteers stayed in trenches (morcha zan) in the field of duty to serve the participants of the conference.
2. The last session was presided over by ‘Maulana Abdul Hafeez Makki (from Makka in Saudi Arabia), the Great Sheikh and a great spiritual personality of the Islamic world.’ (Note: He carries the petro-dollars.)
3. Javed Qasuri, the Deputy Amir of Jamaat Islami Punjab said that Jihad is the (true) spirit of Islam. It is the honour of Islam, and Jihad will continue till the morn of the Doomsday.

An intensely sectarian hospital

Sargodha: The daily Islam published the ad (reproduced below) of the Khatam an Nabiyeen (Seal of Prophets) Medical Heart Centre Sargodha.

We translate below some of the entries in the ad:

- “Would you like that Muslim Ummah is saved from the clutches of social and welfare activities of the Qadiani evil (fitna)?
- (And) the lives and faith of thousands of poor and destitute patients is secure from the poison of Qadianiat?
- (And), the Kalima remains at the tongue and the spark of faith in the heart of Muslims?
If yes; come forth and delay not becoming part of the End of Prophethood movement, and safeguard the End of Prophethood of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

Khatam an Nabiyeen Medical Heart Centre Sargodha
Avail it, and save your money as well as faith.
Sacrifice all sorts to prove factually your love for the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

From: Muhammad Akram Toofani, Chairman Khatam an Nabiyeen Hot (sic) Centre Sargodha”

Note: 1. The managing mulla’s name Toofani literally means: “a hurricane; a great affliction …).
2. One can perhaps safely claim that nowhere in the entire world such a sectarian and bigoted ad would be found to market a hospital.

Official position and Ahmadiyyat

Chak 8MB, District Khushab; July 2016:  Mr. Abdus Samad, Ahmadi, Numberdar (chief) of this village for 63 years died on July 25, 2016. After his death, miscreants and bigots started a campaign to take away this post from the family. “We’ll not permit a Qadiani ‘Non-Muslim’ from this family to step into the post of our Numberdar,” they say. “We’ll rather throw them out of the village,” they threaten.
Ahmadis in the village remain alert to the worsening situation.

Saudi scholars beat a commendable retreat

Riyadh; September 29, 2016:  Following was reported in the daily The News International, Lahore by the News Desk:

Takfir decision rests with Allah: Saudi scholars

RIYADH: The Council of Senior Scholars of Saudi Arabia has stressed the fact that takfir is a serious issue as it will legalize bloodshed, prevent inheritance and annul marriages, reports Arab News. Declaring rulers and governments out of the fold of Islam is even more harmful as it constitutes incitement to violence, use of weapons, encouraging chaos, bloodshed and corruption of people, the council said, The council said Islam rejects extremism and terrorism, and that this deviant belief has no place in Islam. The scholars said the decision on takfir does not rest with humans, but Allah and His messenger and that takfir needs clear evidence from the Holy Quran and Sunnah.

The above is not only relevant in the context of a recent statement by the top Saudi cleric declaring Iranians as Not Muslims, but is most relevant to Ahmadis who were declared Not-Muslim by the Bhutto regime in 1974 on desire and instigation of Shah Faisal of Saudi Arabia. Having mutually decided to act, the first step taken in public was at the Saudi-funded Rabita Aalam e Islami meeting in March 1974 wherein a resolution was adopted that Ahmadis are not accepted as Muslims and governments should be urged to legislate accordingly. Pakistan, in need of oil and petro-dollars, complied.

Now, more than 40 years later, the Saudi scholars, having suffered from the consequences of sectarianism, extremism and terrorism, have decided to recant. However, their retraction will not undo the damage done through past blunders to Ahmadis and Saudis
themselves. It is relevant to mention that King Faisal was shot dead by his nephew in his palace, a year later, on March 25, 1975.

**Ahmadiis behind bars**

1. A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhupura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Mr. Khalil Ahmad was then murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. They are in prison. Their bail was cancelled.

2. A fabricated case was registered against Mr. Tahir Mahdi Imtiaz, printer of the Ahmadiyya monthly Ansarullah, in Millat Town Police Station Lahore on April 16, 2014. He was arrested by the police on March 30, 2015 under the blasphemy clause PPC 295-A and anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C. A high court judge announced acceptance of his bail, but subsequently shirked from signing his decision. Thereafter a 2-member bench of LHC refused the bail, and ordered that clause 8-W ATA be added to his charge sheet and the case be tried in an Anti-terrorism court. He remains in prison. Supreme Court did not grant him the bail either. He is being prosecuted in an Anti-terrorism court whose judge has approved that more serious clauses of the Blasphemy law, PPC 295-C and 295-B be added to his charge sheet. These respectively prescribe penalties of death and imprisonment for life.

3. Mr. Qamar Ahmad was charged under PPC 295-B for alleged desecration of the Holy Quran in Jhelum, and was arrested on November 20, 2015. Religious bigots attacked the Ahmadi-owned factory and Ahmadis’ houses after his arrest and set them on fire after looting the valuables. Those who attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque have been granted bail, but not Mr. Ahmad.

4. Officials of Punjab’s Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) accompanied by a contingent of the Elite Force raided Shakoor Bhai’s book shop, arrested him and Mr. Mazhar Abbas the shop assistant, a Shia, on December 2, 2015. A speedy trial in an Anti-terrorism court dispensed 5 years’ imprisonment to each of the two accused, while octogenarian Mr. Shakoor was sentenced in addition to three years’ imprisonment under the anti-Ahmadiyya law.

5. The police booked 5 named Ahmadis and unabashedly another 55 as unnamed from Rabwah on a spurious complaint of a mulla who accompanied by his cronies came from 5 kilometers away to Darul Yuman to precipitate a brawl. The police arrested the five named Ahmadis, Muhammad Azam Farooqi, Rasheed Ahmad Butt, Tauseef Ahmad, Adeel Ahmad Butt, Mirza Tahir Ahmad. On September 26, they were sent to prison in Jhang, in judicial custody.

**From the media**

26 Qadiani terrorists arrested in Chenab Nagar; case registered on protest of Ulama.

*The daily Islam; Lahore, September 24, 2016*
Four (Ahmadis) accept Islam (in Chenab Nagar)

Notice issued to TV channels over program to rebut Qadianism should be withdrawn: letter to PEMRA

Pemra should apologize over issuance of notices to (TV) channels

Chenab Nagar: No water supply for last 7 days. Residents upset.

Khatme Nabuwat conference will prove to be a lighthouse for the Ummah and the last nail in the Qadiani coffin: JI, JUP (in Chiniot)

Qadiani presence in the sub-continent is the other name of Israel

Qadianis are rebels against Islam and the Prophet: Conference in Birmingham. (Dr Abdur Razzaq Askandar; Sahibzada Aziz Ahmad; Mufti Khalid Mahmud)

Qadiani treachery is apparent to the whole world; Qadianiat is now in its death throes: Maulana Qari Shabbir Ahmed Usmani (IKNM)

Qadianiat means enmity against the Holy Prophet; no room for leniency: Khatme Nabuwwat Conference (in Lahore)

Qadianis’ provocation is extremely dangerous. Qari Abdul Karim

Entire month of September shall be celebrated for End of Prophethood: AMTKN (Chiniot)

No sacrifice shall be spared on the issue of Pakistan and End of Prophethood: Aalami Khatme Nabuwwat Conference (at Chenab Nagar)

Qadiani Jamaat should be banned: (Mulla) Shabbir Usmani

JUI leader (Fazl ur Rehman) visits Khatam an Nabiyeen (Seal of Prophets) Medical Heart Centre administrated by Maulana Akram Toofani

JUI will initiate political renaissance (siyasi nishat-e-thanai) in Mufti Mahmood Conference

Mohmand Agency: Suicide attack on Friday congregation. 23 martyred; 40 injured.

13 dead in Mardan suicide blast

Three army men gunned down in Peshawar
**Forces fend off four bombers trying to attack Christians in Peshawar**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, September 3, 2016*

**Motion seeking crackdown on mosque (Lal Masjid) rejected in Senate. SC will take up a case of its missing persons from next week.**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 11, 2016*

**Petition seeking case against Maulana Aziz dismissed (by Islamabad High Court)**

IHC Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani dismissed the petition (of Mr. M Jibran Nasir) saying that since the federal government and the Islamabad Police did not recommend the registration of an FIR, they could not be directed for the same.

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 29, 2016*

The US, inventor of worldwide terrorism is out to destroy peace of the entire world, this was stated by Maulana Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, the Central Deputy Amir of the International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement (in Chiniot).

*The daily Jinnah; Lahore, September 28, 2016*

**8 Ulama gagged; 40 banned entry in Mianwali**

*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, September 23, 2016*

**Entry of 23 Ulama banned in Muzaffargarh**

*The daily The News; Lahore, September 24, 2016*

**44 Ulama and Zakirs forbidden entry in Jhang; 17 gagged**

*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, September 27, 2016*

**Islamabad: Administration forbids 27 Ulama to address public**

*The daily Insaf; Lahore, September 28, 2016*

**Takfir decision rests with Allah (Saudi scholars)**

*The daily The News; Lahore, September 29, 2016*

**We do not need democracy with fixation (Qibla) on London, Washington: Siraj ul Haq (Amir JI)**

*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, September 29, 2016*

Jihad against India has become an obligation (farz); the government should declare it: 300 ulama and Mashaikh

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Iranians are ‘Not Muslim’, says top Saudi cleric. “We must understand these are not Muslims, they are children of Magi and their hostility towards Muslims is an old one, especially with the people of the Sunna,” he said.
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 7, 2016

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When would occur break between terrorist organizations and the department? Senators
Do not put the entire blame on agencies: Interior Minister
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Rangers nab Sana’s right-hand man

Huge cache of illegal weapons seized in raids
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Imran tell Nawaz Sharif to present himself for accountability or face closing down of Islamabad after Muharram

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Statement: Pakistan: Religious minority representation in political process conspicuously absent

In Pakistan, the Hindu, Christian, Ahmadi and Hazara Shia communities are marginalized and ostracized, socially and economically. Of all the minority groups, Ahmadis bear the most brunt. A constitutional amendment of 1974 declared Ahmadis as non-Muslims. But since they don’t accept their new status, they stay away from electoral process.

(A Statement by the Asian Human Rights Commission)

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Op-ed: Neo’s hate speech and PEMRA’s inaction

It is a matter of great shame for us as Pakistanis that we allowed those foulmouthed traitors from Majlis-e-Ahrar to flourish in the country time and time again. In my opinion, Jan is one of these enemies of Pakistan. He is a self-serving civil servant who is allowed, against the law, to lie and pollute innocent minds day in and day out. The sooner we realise this and reject dishonest people like him, the sooner we will set ourselves on a course correction. The least we can do, till such a day approaches, is to rein in hate speech against a community that has been forcibly declared a minority in the country they were in no small measure instrumental in achieving. Unfortunately, there is no moral courage from top to bottom in this country. This is not Jinnah’s Pakistan that has died many deaths at the hands of opportunists who had branded Jinnah kafir-e-azam in his lifetime.

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Statement: PAKISTAN: September 7: One of the darkest days in the history of Pakistan

The 7th September is one of the darkest days in the history of Pakistan when religion was firmly included to be the basis of the state affairs. This laid the foundation of unprecedented discrimination, abhorrence and violence against other religions, other sects or other interpretations of religion that did not conform the religious interpretations of the perpetrators of this change.

42 years ago, in 1974 on this day the Second Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan was passed whereby the Ahmadis, the followers of Ahmadi sect, were declared to be non-Muslims in Pakistan. By virtue of the amendment the State has been given arbitrary powers to determine who is a Muslim and who is not. Instead of providing the right of freedom of religion and faith to its citizens, this was a systematic and conscious design to curb human rights and freedom of religious beliefs.

As a result of this change the influence of fundamentalist forces to run the state affairs and how people should follow their beliefs reached to unprecedented levels. The zeal and the fervor with which Youm-e-Khatam-e-
Nabuwwat (The Day of Finality of Prophethood), marked on September 7, is celebrated as a manifestation of the fundamentalist mind-set so prevalent in the country.

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**Statement: Asia: OHCHR must invest in justice institution reengineering to improve human rights situations**

Mere agreement to international norms, without setting up adequate machineries to breathe life into these principles at the domestic level is the game Asian states have played successfully so far. Asian states have invested the least on building justice institutions or to modernize our law enforcement agencies. We from Asia have not been able to establish justice institutions and processes that are elementary to realize the true meaning and purpose of freedom. Our independence lacks justice at its core.

The Council has a responsibility to address this issue that affects almost 60% of the world’s population.

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**Annex: “Neo’s hate speech and PEMRA’s inaction” by Yasser Latif Hamdani: an op-ed in the Daily Times**
Neo's hate speech and PEMRA's inaction

Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) is completely silent on Neo channel's abusive hate speech against the Ahmadi community. Hamza Ali Abbasi's show during Ramzan was promptly banned because Abbasi dared to speak out about the fundamental human rights of a peaceful community that has been repeatedly wronged by Pakistan since September 7, 1974. Now Orya Maqbool Jan's abuse against the Ahmadies has been allowed without check by PEMRA. These are double standards, and all I can say at this point is shame. On all of us.

That it was hate speech is unquestionable. Ahmadies and their sect's founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, were painted as British plants by Neo and Jan. Ironic to say the least! Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was for the longest time seen by the Muslim community as a valiant ideological warrior against the onslaught of Christian missionaries on the faith. This was before his more controversial claims were aired. To accuse him of being a British lackey is a travesty of justice and fairmindedness. You can have a theological disagreement with his claims, but to try and retrofit British perfidy on to him cannot be sustained in the eyes of historical evidence.

As I write these lines, I am well aware that even speaking about the facts can get you branded a 'Qadiani' in Pakistan of today. Yet what I write is no different from what even Sir Allama Muhammad Iqbal had said about him in his day. On that note let us ponder for a second as to how or why Allama Iqbal got the title of 'Sir' i.e. a knight of the British Empire, but more on that later.

The reason why the Ahmadiyya movement is branded as pro-British is because they propounded the doctrine of peaceful jihad of the pen. Yet how different was this position from that of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, who incidentally was also a 'Sir'? Did the Congress or the Muslim League wage a jihad against the British Empire? The Muslim League especially was founded with the express purpose of promoting loyalty amongst Muslims towards the crown. It was only when Mohammad Ali Jinnah joined the organisation that the Muslim League changed its stated goal to self-government and later independence. Yet even Jinnah, a most passionate opponent of British rule amongst Muslims and a rarity, did not at any point call for a jihad. His means of struggle were strictly constitutional through parliamentary procedures.

Did Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III call for a jihad against the British? The answer is again no. Even the maualanas of Deoband and Rai Bareli never called for a violent jihad against the Empire, and many of them received stipends from the crown, unlike the Ahmadies. Then of course you have the case of Allama Iqbal, who on the death of Queen Victoria wrote an eulogy for her where he compared the Queen to holy personages of Islam. This is how Iqbal got the title of Sir. The Muslim position, as a whole with a few exceptions, throughout the British rule was of a loyal community. When the Quit India Movement was started by the Congress in 1942, Muslims by and large refused to join it and rightly so. The same would have been tantamount to helping the Nazi cause in the Second World War. Why then are Ahmadies singled out for this unfair criticism?

The irony is that in slandering a peaceful community, Neo abused Pakistan and its antecedents as well. The hero of this narrative, dishonestly spun by Orya Maqbool Jan and his cronies, was Ataullah Shah Bukhari of the Majlis-e-Ahrar. The same Bukhari had routinely abused Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and called Pakistan "Na-Pakistan." Another president of this party, Mazhar Ali Azhar, had called Jinnah "Kafir-e-Azam" or the great infidel. The Ahhari slogan was "Ik kafira ke peechay Islam ko chora, yeh Quaid-e-Azam hai ke kafir-e-azam?" (Jinnah left Islam for an infidel woman, is he a great leader or a great infidel?).

The Majlis-e-Ahrar was tasked by the Congress to divide the Muslim community along sectarian lines. In Lucknow they started the Shia-Sunni riots. In Punjab they attacked the Ahmadies. This is the real foundation of the so-called "Tehreek-e-Khmat-e-Naboowat." It was a deliberate ploy by the so-called secular Congress to ensure that Muslims were kept divided. Jinnah was wise to such perfidy of the Congress leadership. Jinnah refused to turn out Ahmadies from the Muslim League, and stood steadfast on the principle that anyone who called himself a Muslim is a Muslim. This is how Jinnah managed to keep Shias, Sunnis, Ahmadies, Ismailis and countless other Muslims united under his leadership.

Today Neo and intellectually dishonest people like Jan are championing those crooks, cranks and madmen who did their worst to rattle the fragile Muslim unity that Jinnah had achieved. The channel is lionising traitors like Bukhari while denigrating a patriotic community like Ahmadies who were in the forefront of the struggle for Pakistan.

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