Ahmadi murdered in Karachi where ‘operation’ underway for over two years

Following press release was issued by the Ahmadiyya central office in Rabwah.

Press Release

Karachi: An Ahmadi, Dawood Ahmad murdered outside his house due to religious hatred

Since (the Anti-Ahmadiyya) discriminatory laws in 1984 to-date 30 Ahmadis have been killed in Karachi alone.

Chenab Nagar: (PR) Mr. Dawood Ahmad S/o Haji Ghulam Muhiyuddin, 55, was shot dead in Gulzar Hijri, Karachi last night by unidentified assailants due to religious hatred. He was waiting for his friend outside his house when two unidentified men came on a motorbike; the man sitting behind disembarked and opened fire at him, and they fled thereafter. Three bullets hit him, one in the chest, two in the abdomen. The assailants also fired shots at Mr. Ahmad’s friend who had already reached there, as he hurried to help him. Both were rushed to the hospital. Mr. Dawood was critically injured due to the shots that damaged his entrails and liver and loss of blood due to the chest injury. He was operated upon but did not survive. His friend was also operated upon; he is now stable. The murdered victim is survived by his three sons; his wife died a few years ago. Mr. Ahmad was a noble, practicing Ahmadi who had no personal vendetta with anyone. He was target-killed solely for being an Ahmadi. Incidents of shooting Ahmadis have happened in this area in the past as well. His remains will be brought to Rabwah for burial.

Mr. Saleemuddin, the spokesman of Jamaat Ahmadiyya strongly condemned this distressing incident and expressed deep grief. He said, “Mischievous and baseless propaganda is going on all over the country against Ahmadis; this is the basic reason of such grievous incidents. It was announced in the National Action Plan that action would be taken against the promoters but it is sad to say that elements who promote hate against Ahmadis are not only free but are busy spreading hateful propaganda openly without any fear. Thirty Ahmadis have been killed in Karachi and not a single murderer has been brought to justice till now. Consequently extremist elements feel encouraged.” He demanded of the administration that Dawood’s killers be arrested immediately and brought to justice.

Asian Human Rights Commission’s candid statement

The AHRC released the following (IMMEDIATE) statement on 27 May, 2016 after the murder of Mr. Dawood Ahmad in Karachi two days earlier. The commission minced no words and said almost all that was relevant in principle on the issue, (extracts):

PAKISTAN: Investigation failure leads to the killings of Ahmadis

According to media reports, Mr. Dawood was waiting for a friend outside his house when two men came on a motorbike and opened fire on him and fled. Three bullets hit him: one in the chest and two in the abdomen. He was injured critically and was rushed to hospital, but he did not survive.
Since 1984, thirty Ahmadis have been killed in Karachi. To date not a single murderer has been brought to justice. The State, in order to appease its allies, i.e. the religious fundamentalist and political religious party does not investigate murder cases of Ahmadi victims.

The investigation and prosecution are non-existent when it comes to the murder of an Ahmadi because the State is prejudiced and biased against the community. The beleaguered community is left high and dry; even the Judiciary maintains a deafening silence on the injustice. Fearing a backlash from fundamentalists, no judge dares speak in defence of an Ahmadi. Religious sentiments are allowed to colour State policies so much so that the minorities, particularly Ahmadi no longer feel safe in the country.

The failure of the State is not only in failing to provide protection to religious minority groups, but it is also in providing patronage to such killings by not investigating the killings. The personnel in the police and other law enforcement agencies are themselves so biased that they avoid investigating Ahmadi murders.

The nascent and ineffective National Action Plan was devised primarily to curb religious hatred and fundamentalism; however increasing incidents of targeted attacks on minorities has showcased the manifest loopholes in the plan. The elements who have promoted hate against Ahmadis do not only roam free; they continue to be busy spreading hateful propaganda, without any fear of State action. Pakistani authorities have so far shown no interest in curbing the activities of these groups.

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Years of institutionalized discrimination against the Ahmadiya Community and its persistent vilification have led to extreme apathy, where even the mass murder of Ahmadis in Lahore on 28 May 2010 failed to elicit any kind of public outrage. The murder of an Ahmadi is in fact praised and encouraged by the so-called guardians of Islam, and the murderer is extolled and revered. In a country where murderers are celebrated and Ahmadi Noble prize winner Dr. Abdus Salam is vilified, it is only natural that society’s fault lines deepen each day.

The utter disregard for the rule of law and complete impunity to law enforcement agencies is a recipe for disaster for Pakistan’s minorities especially Ahmadi Community, who, despite having the constitutional guarantee of state protection, are left to fend for themselves. State bias and prejudice is apparent in the judicial and administrative attitude towards the Ahmadi; they are made to suffer incessantly for their beliefs and denied promotion and jobs in State departments. They are not even allowed to openly profess their beliefs; their properties and even graves are not exempted from being vandalized by the unruly fundamentalist. The State does not intervene to protect the life or property of an Ahmadi, despite its obligation to protect its citizens.

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It's been 40 years since Ahmadis were declared non-Muslims through an amendment in the Constitution, which resulted in wide scale persecution and victimization of the sect. Nowhere in the
world does any minority suffer such persecution at the State level. Ahmadi’s, despite playing a pivotal role in the politics of the country since its inception have been alienated, their political representation has been reduced to nil. It is becoming increasingly difficult for the Community to profess its religious belief with freedom and without fear despite the constitutional guarantee under Article 20, which stipulates:

Subject to law, public order and morality:

(a) Every citizen shall have the right to profess, practice, and propagate his religion; and
(b) Every religious denomination and every sect thereof shall have the right to establish, maintain and manage its religious institutions."

The Asian Human Rights Commission urges the government to fulfill its duty to protect the minorities, including the Ahmadi, as per the country’s laws and its constitution. The AHRC also urges the government to immediately arrest the murderers of Dawood Ahmad.

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Police move fast to book an Ahmadi local leader
Shadan Lund, District D.G. Khan; April 25, 2016: Police registered an FIR no. 125 against Mirza Ikramullah S/O Mr. Zafarullah under 14-14/15 Punjab Security Act on April 25, 2016 in PS Kala, District DG Khan. They blamed the accused that the boundary wall of the Ahmadiyya mosque did not meet the security standard and CCTV cameras were not working properly.

Interim bail of Mr. Ikramullah was sought, and other demands of the police were met.

Ahmadis manage to save their mosque – a close shave
Daska; Punjab: The mulla doesn’t tire of scheming against Ahmadis. He wants to exploit the anti-Ahmadi laws to the maximum, well beyond the purport of these laws. He succeeds often. But recently he failed in Daska, District Sialkot – thanks to the worthy judge.

One, Muhammad Bilal of Moti Masjid, Daska approached the SHO of P.S. City to register a criminal case against leaders of the local Ahmadi community for building minarets on the Ahmadiyya mosque. He demanded that the minarets be demolished.

After due inquiry the SHO did not entertain the request for registration of the FIR.

The petitioner was displeased and he approached the Additional Sessions Judge to order the SHO to register the case. In support of his plea against the Ahmadiyya structure he quoted Section 154 Cr. P.C; Art 4 of the Constitution, the anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C etc, unreasonably and without justification. Even PPC 298-C does not forbid Ahmadis to have minarets in their places of worship.

The petitioner went to the extent to claim that he ‘shall suffer an irreparable loss and injury’ if ‘a criminal case against the culprits’ was not registered. He demanded more; “It is further prayed that any other adequate relief which this Hon’ble Court may deem just, fit and proper may also be ordered.”
This posed a serious threat to the sanctity and security of the Ahmadiyya mosque. The community leaders therefore decided to confront the bigot head-on and decided to defend the SHO’s decision themselves in the court.

Ahmadis provided documentation in the court that the mosque had been built 70 years ago and they had added nothing to the structure.

The worthy judge dismissed the petition of the mulla.

It is appropriate to place on record the stress, worry, even mental torture that the Ahmadis had to go through for months when their sacred place of worship was gravely threatened by the extremist elements who wanted to achieve their ignoble ends with the help of the authorities and the judiciary. Ahmadis had to first deal with the police to convince them of the invalidity of the mullas’ demand; thereafter they had to face the petition in the court, for which they had to seek and hire legal aid. This went on for more than five months.

The minarets were saved, thanks to the police and judicial officials for their decency and fairness. They were saved for having been built 70 years ago. Had they been built recently, the story might have been different, although there is no such restriction in law, nor minarets are specific to Muslims architecture alone. Also, it is historically acknowledged that the first mosque of the Holy Prophet (peace be on him) initially had no minarets, no dome.

**Almost unbelievable harrying tale of an Ahmadi in District Khushab – and his response**

**Chak 2 TDA, District Khushab, Punjab:** Rana Inamullah Khan s/o Rana Nasrullah Khan has been facing severe hostility for his faith in his village and in the town of his work. His story is a sample of true history the like of which, or even worse, or less, other hundreds of thousand Ahmadis have experienced over many decades in Pakistan. It also reflects amply the attitude of authorities, the mullas, the society etc on the Ahmadiyya issue in the early 21st century in Pakistan. It is therefore placed on record. It is the victim’s personal account, sent to the Ahmadiyya central office through his district Amir. There is internal and external evidence that his narrative is authentic. The documents he attached as evidence are not reproduced here but are available with his narrative in the office record, for any future researcher. His narrative follows.

This humble self is targeted these days by the extremist anti-Ahmadi movement (Khatme Nabuwwat). I send this report, as per office norm, for prayers and guidance.

**Introduction:** I, Rana Inamullah Khan s/o Late Rana Nasrullah Khan am a resident of Chak Nr. 2 TDA, District Khushab. At present I am Sales Manager of the Mobilink office in Qaidabad, Distt Khushab. Chak 2 TDA is about 20 kilometers from Qaidabad. I am also Qaid (Head) of the Ahmadi youth organization in District Khushab.

**Antagonists:** 1) Mr. Shams Shah, an advocate in Qaidabad, 2) His father, who is an influential Pir (holy Joe) and head of the End of Prophethood local chapter, 3) Mullah Athar Hussain Bokhari s/o Karamat Hussain Bokhari, who instigated massacre of Ahmadis in Takht Hazara in November 2000.

**Report:** In 2006, I was appointed Asst Manager of the Mobilink franchise in Qaidabad. Within six months Pir Shah Zaman came to know that I was an Ahmadi. The Pir owns a hotel close to my office. The Pir sent for me and told me that he had learnt that some of my relatives were Ahmadis. I told him that I myself was an Ahmadi. At this, the Pir was forthright, “In that case, revert to Islam. For that I give
you three days for deliberation. Let me know of your response after due consideration. In case of a negative response we’ll bring you a bad end (tumhara bura hasher kar dein gay).” I told him that my response would be the same after three days as it was at that very time; I am an Ahmadi and would remain so. At this, the Pir blurted out a number of threats before showing me the door. From then on he issued orders to stop provision of food and drinks to me from his restaurant.

A few days later anti-Ahmadi stickers and posters appeared outside our office. These mentioned that the ‘manager’ of the franchise was a Qadiani and that it was Haram (unlawful in Sharia) to do business with Qadianis. When nothing came out of this, the Pir sent message to Mr. Nisar Ahmad, the owner of the franchise to dismiss the Qadiani manager. Mr. Nisar Ahmad is a decent man, devoid of religious prejudice; he told the visitors that he had no complaints against the manager and hence would not fire him. At this the delegation threatened him to dismiss the manager or be ready for arson attack on his office as well as the manager. (Copy of the poster is attached).

Mr. Nisar’s response was courageous; he did not fire me. He, however, advised me to not come to the office for a few days and run the office by phone from home. I did that for nearly a month; thereafter I started coming to the office again.

This difficult situation brought me a reward as well; I was promoted from the rank of Assistant Manager to Manager. God be praised.

In those very days, my younger brother, Rana Zeeshan (now the local community president in Chak 2 TDA) was scheduled to be married in an Ahmadi family in Qaidabad. Opponents of Ahmadiyyat campaigned in Qaidabad for a total boycott of both the Ahmadi families during this happy event. They threatened that those who would participate in any way in the wedding will be excommunicated (deene Islam se kharij). As a result I could not hire a transport from the town for the occasion. The bride’s family could not rent tents and crockery for the reception. They could not find a caterer either. They could only hire a cook, but the mullas made him quit at the time of the banquet. They threatened the security of the wedding party and spread such fear and concern that nearly 50% of the guests had to undertake guard duty. Nevertheless, the event was a success and the bride departed on schedule. Some decent non-Ahmadis joined the happy event.

After the event, mullas prepared a list of non-Ahmadis who had joined the wedding reception. They hung this list in the mosque and declared that they were ‘outside the pale of Islam’. Some of the mullas exchanged hot words with a few of these listed Muslims. A delegation of mullas visited Ahmadi homes in Qaidabad and told them to revert to Islam within three days, or face grave consequences. This group came to my office as well; but I was absent on duty.

As all their efforts came to naught, a delegation of mullas visited the head-office of Mobilink. There they accused me of preaching, distributing pamphlets, spreading Qadianiyat etc and demanded my dismissal. They threatened that the franchise office was at risk of an arson attack. Thereafter the Mobilink held an inquiry and sent them reply that they had received no supporting evidence, as such the head office had no complaint against the manager; no action against him was called for, accordingly. However, as a result of the delegation’s campaign against me, some shop keepers stopped loading Mobilink for a few days and forbade me entering their shops. This happened for almost three days; thereafter it was ‘business as usual.’

These opponents, faced with repeated failures, followed me to the village of my residence, Chak Nr. 2 TDA. They noticed the Ahmadiyya mosque there, and filed a fresh application dated 13 September 2012, with the police SHO of Mitha Tiwana that the Ahmadi president had built a mosque with minarets, looking like that of Muslims. The police had not yet completed their inquiry, when mulla...
Athar Hussain Bokhari came to know that our mosque was built on a plot officially designated for a mosque, so he filed yet another application with the police that Ahmadis had occupied a Muslim’s mosque; it should be restored to Muslims. (This case, after many references to the courts and administration, culminated in finally handing over the Ahmadiyya mosque and the missionary’s residence to non-Ahmadis on the orders of the DCO Mr. Zia-ur-Rahman, a brother of Mulla Fazlur Rahman (president JUI-F). As a result Ahmadis in Chak now have no place of worship.)

In the days of the mosque controversy, my sister was to be married. The bridegroom arrived with his party. The mullas, in violation of the centuries-old local tradition, arranged for a police visit to the village for inquiry. However, the visiting police officer Mr. Ishtiaq Hussain ASI was a very decent and polite man; he was apologetic over his untimely visit, quietly made his inquiry and went back. May Allah reward him profusely.

My opponents switched over to another trick. They initiated a Message on their mobile phones: “Assalamo Alaikum. The manager of Qaidabad Mobilink is a Qadiani. It is haram to do any business with Qadianis. As such, implement Boycott against the Qadiani manager w.e.f. today. Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat, Qaidabad, District Khushab.” (Print version attached) See Annex.

After this message was circulated in Nurpur town, the shopkeepers stopped buying ‘the load’. I was passed a threat that if I entered Nurpur, I would be killed. At this occasion, Mr. Hasnain Shah, one of the shopkeepers in Nurpur, displayed extraordinary courage to invite me to Nurpur assuring me full security. He also sent a challenge to the bigots that: “Mr. Inamullah Khan is at my shop; if anyone dares, come and touch him.” At the time he assured me that he alone would meet my sales target, resulting in no loss to my business. Other shopkeepers noticed that Mr. Shah had taken a stand and was earning the entire profit, so they restarted buying the load. That was the end of this drive.

The mullas somehow got hold of my private phone number. They used it to convey me their dire threats. This caused me concern, but I stayed undeterred. God rewarded me once again. I was an employee of Mr. Nisar; now Mobilink registered me on their own pay-roll and appointed me their Sales Manager and responsible for the franchise.

As Qaid of the Ahmadi youth organization, I was receiving my organisation’s mail in the office. I noticed that someone would open it before delivering it to me. Thereafter I changed my address; but the malpractice continued. I had to request the senders to change the courier service.

Hostility against me was perpetual; it came forth in different forms. One of the leaders of the opposition had an FIR registered with police against Mobilink, in my name, for wall-chalking Mobilink ads. The police informed me seven days after its registration – violating the rules. Apparently the aim was to declare me a ‘proclaimed offender’ for failure to report to the police. I rushed to a court to obtain ‘bail before arrest’. Mobilink is defending me in this case, although I am sure that the FIR was based on religious prejudice. (Copy of FIR 264/2016 P.S. Qaidabad is enclosed)

Mullas have approached a civil court as well against four Ahmadis, including me, that we intend to occupy a mosque with the help of influential persons. All this is legal harassment through baseless litigation. (Copy of their application is attached.)

Recently on April 27, 2016 I went to the shop of one Sanaullah in Qaidabad for business. He used to be courteous to me, but this time he did not respond to my Salaam. On my asking the reason, he behaved badly and proceeded to bash me up. “You a Qadiani, how dare you enter my shop”? he said. A few other shopkeepers in the bazaar came to my rescue, and I went back to my office where I informed my head office of the incident. Mobilink decided to have an FIR registered. The SHO advised otherwise, “It will become a religious issue; do not ask for an FIR.” A few days later the bigots put up an
application to the police that I, being a Qadiani, violated the law by wishing Salaam. The SHO has not yet registered an FIR, but the issue is alive and the mullas are insisting for action against me.

These mullas approached the SHO, Mitha Tiwana as well, against me. The SHO resisted having a case registered against me. He is under political pressure of the MNA and the MPA in support of the mullas. Such is the predicament of some police officials.

Recently, a few distant non-Ahmadi relatives contacted me about Ahmadiyyat. One of them expressed his wish to join the community. Sensing some conspiracy, I made inquiries and discovered that these people were under the influence of some hostile mullas from Harappa and were tasked to lay a trap for me.

Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Kathgari, my octogenarian grandfather of Abbottabad suffered 3 months incarceration in his old age. On release he died within three months.

My maternal uncle, Basharat Ahmad suffered physical torture at the hand of hostile clerics in Abbottabad. His wound marks are still visible on his body, 25 years afterward.

Please pray for me to remain steadfast and bear up with these tribulations and trials. By the grace of God my spirits are high and I am not scared nor on tenter-hooks.

The opposition is picking up pace. Anti-Ahmadi stickers have been pasted on shops close to my residence. These direct, “Qadianis may enter the market only after they revert to Islam.” These stickers have been deliberately pasted in shops that I visit for business.

Anti-Ahmadi ‘End of Prophethood’ rallies have been held in four villages near Chak 2 TDA. People have been told that Qadianis are Kafir and Wajib-ul-Qatl (must be killed). “We took away their mosques. Now take away their lands. Kill them or make them flee”, said a mulla who addressed the crowd.

Some non-Ahmadi friends have advised us, two brothers, that we should fall back from the frontline, as it is getting dangerous at present.

We have heard that the opposition is considering expulsion of our children from schools, in league with school authorities.

Please advise me what to do? At one occasion when we called upon the DCO for justice, he told us bluntly, “You may take me as belonging to your opposition, as well.”

Endorsed by the Ahmadiyya Amir, District Khushab on May 15, 2016

A former prime minister makes history in hate speech

Kotli, AJK; April 30, 2016: In a rally taken out by Pakistan Peoples Party in Kotli AJK, Raja Pervez Ashraf, a former prime minister indulged in hate-speech against Ahmadis and harangued the crowd in Punjabi as follows:

“Pakistan Peoples Party da dosto koi muqablah nahin kar sakda, koi nahin kar sak rha. Jay Islam di khidmat kiti, te Shaheed Zulfiquar Ali Bhutto di hakumat ney khi siraf; naway saal purana masela, Qadianian da masela, jinnahn nein rasul maqbul salehaho ilehe wasallam di nabuwart noon challenge keeta, onhan da moohn band keeta, onhan di gardan marori, aur is fitna noon dafan kar ditta.”

Translation: Friend, none can compete with Pakistan Peoples Party; none is succeeding in that. If anyone served the cause of Islam, it was only the government of Martyr Zulfiquar Ali Bhutto – ninety-year old issue, the issue of Qadianis who had challenged the prophethood of the Holy Prophet (peace

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsujuLtR3XJ8
be on him), (the PPP government) shut them up, twisted their neck and buried this mischief (fitna) (forever).

This speech was aired on ARY News TV channel as well on April 30, 2016.

Mr. Bilawal Bhutto, and other leaders were also present at the occasion, but none had the sagacity and the courage to censure this statement in front of the audience.

Later, the gravity of this statement was sensed by a sensitive few and they uploaded it on U Tube. It went viral. Mr. Bilawal Bhutto, PPP Chairman then took notice and tweeted the following in response:

Politicians have no right to comment or question peoples' faith. History has taught us politicization of faith has lethal consequences for all.

Bilawal took a principled stand even though it was against the decision of his grandfather, that has become highly controversial as it later morphed into the evil of anti-Ahmadiyya laws. Bilawal’s action, although delayed, deserves acclaim.

As for the Raja – some people never learn, even after 40 years of negative consequences of such an action, including the hanging of the wrong-doer.

Raja, the prime minister, lost his job within seven months when the Supreme Court ordered his arrest for alleged corruption. Even when he was in power, NAB had issued his arrest warrants on 20 April 2012.

**Ahmadi families harassed**

**Nankana; May 2016:** Recently three Ahmadi families from a nearby village Chak 565 GB suffered harassment while shopping in Nankana. Some rogue youths recognized their religious identity, followed them, shouted at them, called them names and mocked them by calling Mirzais and Qadianis (derogatory terms for Ahmadis).

Nankana has a history of anti-Ahmadiyya agitation. Several houses of Ahmadis were burnt here in the past. These days stickers are found in several shops, forbidding Ahmadis to shop there.

**A Report from the weekly Economist of London, from Bradford**

**London:** Last month a Muslim extremist committed to his version of the Khatme Nabuwwat (end of prophethood) travelled to Glasgow and stabbed to death an Ahmadi shopkeeper there in broad daylight.

Subsequent investigations and follow-up resulted in recovery of anti-Ahmadi hate literature compiled by a self-styled Khatme Nabuwwat activist mulla, from the Stockwell Green mosque in south London.

The weekly The Economist published a report on this incident on May 21, 2016, (extracts):

**The murder of an Ahmadi – Preparing for the worst**

THERE are few signs of life at the Stockwell Green mosque in south London at the moment. The gates are padlocked and the telephones have been disconnected. And some hope it will stay that way.

...
The weeks since have led to some self-examination among Muslims. But to prevent another atrocity, outsiders say the bigotry that might have contributed to it now has to be tackled head-on, beginning with the Stockwell mosque.

... Yet it is now clear that the sectarianism of Pakistan has pursued them to Britain, particularly in the form of the Khatme Nubuwwat movement, with which the Stockwell Green mosque is associated. The purpose of the movement (meaning “finality of the Prophethood”), which one official says started in Britain in 1983, is to refute the claims of the Ahmadiya, and to inform all Muslims that they are in fact “traitors to Islam”, as the Khatme Nubuwwat Academy’s website reminds everyone. The same website helpfully lists all the fatwas against the Ahmadi in Urdu, English and Arabic. Readers learn that the “dangerous” Ahmadiya (called by a derogatory term) are a “destructive” sect with a “filthy agenda” that helps Zionism. Muslims are urged not to have anything to do with them.

... To this end, it has suspended the Stockwell Green mosque’s membership of the MCB and has set up a panel to investigate whether it was inciting hatred. ... This response is too lame for some, however. One activist, Sadaf Ahmed, has launched a petition for the government to conduct an official investigation into the activities of Khatme Nubuwwat. She points out that the group’s speakers travel freely to Britain to vilify the Ahmadi. Qari Hanif Qureshi, a hate preacher who called for the death of Salmaan Taseer, an ex-governor of Punjab who challenged Pakistan’s blasphemy laws and was murdered for it in 2011, spoke on May 4th at Luton mosque. Ms Ahmed argues that “If we replace the word Ahmadi in any of the Khatme Nubuwwat’s speeches or literature with Jew or Muslim or Hindu, we’d be disgusted at their hateful rhetoric.”

The fact that the Muslims have voluntarily padlocked this mosque also shows how effective the British police are. It also betrays the guilt and crime of the Khatme Nabuwwat linked board members of this mosque. If the authorities in Pakistan were half as efficient, serious about their responsibilities and effective as their British peers, the mullahs will rush for their holes and never dare came out to threaten the society.

**Health status of the octogenarian prisoner**

*Faisalabad; May 12, 2016:* It would be recalled that Mr. Abdul Shakoor, 80-year old Ahmadi, the book-seller from Rabwah was arrested last December by the Punjab Counter Terrorism Department for selling Ahmadiyya publications that are otherwise known all over the world for their peaceful teachings. After a speedy trial, a judge sentenced him to 8 years, maximum penalties applicable under the applied clauses.

The innocent patriarch is in prison for over six months while his appeal is pending with the high court.

A recent medical examination report about him mentioned the following (extract): “He is case of Inguinal Hernia reducible: Request has been sent to Higher Authorities for sanction for his shifting to DHQ Hospital, Faisalabad for Herniography vide letter No. 6356 dated 14.4.2016. On receiving the sanction, he will be shifted to DHQ Hospital, Faisalabad for Herniography.”
A lot of legislation in our country has been done to fulfill vested interests:

**Chief Justice Jamali**

The country has failed to achieve the dreams of its founding fathers largely because of “insincere and dishonest” politicians

*Sukkur: May 28, 2016:*

“Pakistan’s top judge has said the country has failed to achieve the dreams of its founders largely because of ‘insincere and dishonest’ politicians.

“Our (successive) generations have failed miserably in materializing the dreams of our ancestors, said Chief Justice of Pakistan Anwar Zaheer Jamali while addressing the legal fraternity of Larkana on Saturday.

“Muslims and Pakistanis are taken as the most incapable people and the forces behind this perception are known to everyone, he said, adding that even the countries created after 1947 had surpassed Pakistan in development, “We, as a nation, have failed to create unity and solidarity among our ranks, Jamali said, (But) other nations have been quite fortunate to have sincere and honest leaders, which we lack.

“The top Judge also blamed prolonged bouts of dictatorships for the dismal state of affairs in the country. “A lot of legislation in our country has been done to fulfill vested interests,” he said, lamenting the court decisions announced for the welfare of the people were seldom implemented.

“Giving an example, Jamali said if the court takes action against any incapable person, a certain lobby always comes to this rescue. This is very painful, he added, “We should not wait for angels to come down and solve our problems. Somebody amongst us has to volunteer.”…

*The Express Tribune, May 29, 2016*

The daily Mashriq added on May 29 the following remarks of the CJP to the above report:

- Not even a single institution has succeeded in meeting its responsibilities.
- Provision of justice is a fundamental responsibility.
- We have short comings; until these are suppressed, our problems will continue.
- We missed leadership that leads peoples to heights.

All the above observations make great sense when examined in the context of anti-Ahmadi laws and their implementation.

It is relevant to mention that only six months ago a 2-member bench of the Supreme Court withheld grant of bail to the Ahmadi printer of the monthly Ansarullah. He was arrested in a spurious and fabricated case in Lahore in March 2015. This Ahmadi pressman is behind bars for the past 14 months without having been found guilty. People like Maulana Abdul Aziz, Hafiz Saeed, Mulla Muhammad Ahmad Ludhianwi and Ms. Aayyan Ali, however roam about free.

**Professor faces hostility at college**

*Jhang; May 2016:* Professor Mian Munawar Ahmad has been facing hostility for his Ahmadi faith for a long time in the local college. He is in charge of the General and Modern
Physics Laboratory for the last 15 years and is an expert in his field. The principal of the college is under the influence of anti-Ahmadiyya elements and intends to make a junior professor in charge of the lab instead. This junior has little experience of such lab work. Anti-Ahmadiyya staff is striving to get Mian Ahmad transferred from the college. The atmosphere at the college is very tense for Professor Ahmad. The stress is taking its toll. He has to remain on guard in the face of prevailing hostility.

**A training course in support of a sectarian cause**

*Chiniot, May 9, 2016:* The jihadist daily Islam published an ad in its issue of May 9, 2016. It advertises a 15-day training course, May 14 to 26 for volunteer students on the issues of 1. Safeguarding end of prophethood, 2. Prophet Isa remains alive 3. Other topics. It is organized by Idara Markazia Da’wat o Irshad, Chiniot, a madrassa established by Maulana Manzur Ahmad Chinioti.

There can be no objection to the above if undertaken as a harmless religious academic activity, but the devil lies in detail.

The End of Prophethood organizations in Pakistan have continued to promote extremism and sectarianism – even violence. Those who attacked the two Ahmadiyya mosques in Lahore in 2010 and killed 86 Ahmadi worshippers on that day shouted slogans in support of End of Prophethood during the massacre. Recently Mr Tanveer Ahmad of Bradford (England) travelled hundreds of kilometers to Glasgow (Scotland) and stabbed Mr Asad ul Islam Shah, Ahmadi to death, admittedly did so for “The cursed Asad Qadiani was a false claimant to prophecy and a blasphemer; his murder was perfectly licit and rewarding”. In subsequent inquiry and search the London police recovered a large quantity of End of Prophethood anti-Ahmadi pamphlets from the Stockwell Green mosque.

While the ad is carefully worded, it betrays the extremist and violent thinking behind this venture; for instance according to the ad the course aims to:

- **Promote the mission of the First Khalifa, Syedna Siddique Akbar.** According to the belief of ilk of these mulla, the First Khalifa mounted numerous bloody campaigns against claimants of prophecy. In fact those insurgents had rebelled against the nascent Islamic state taken up arms against it and initiated armed revolt.

- **Protect the foundational tenet of Islam: the End of Prophethood.** The students are not told that Ahmadis also believe in the truth and importance of End of Prophethood; it is only the interpretation that is somewhat different. (The sponsors of this course also believe in the re-advent of Prophet Isa in latter days.)

- **To ensure the security and integrity of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.** Mulla M. Ilyas Chinioti MPA (PML-N) and other professionals (Mahereen fun) will take the classes, according to the ad.

It is also mentioned in the ad, in fine print, that a one year specialist course in rebuttal of Ahmadiyyat (Radde Qadianiyat) is also held. In addition to boarding, a stipend of Rs. 2000/- per month is also paid.
One may ask: Where do the funds come from? This course is being held regularly for years. The authorities know that the students are indoctrinated in other ways than simple academics.

End of Prophethood is one of the few issues through which the mullas claim space to promote their violent, blood-letting, powers-seeking agenda. The authorities continue to concede.

**A (Shia) lady shows the way in moral courage**

*Lahore; May 20, 2016:* The daily The Express Tribune covered the proceedings of the two-day consultations of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan on the issue of Faith-Based Violence, Illegal Occupation and Destruction of Places of Worship, and published a report, (extracts):

“Minority communities are marginalized by masquerading personal matters as religious issues,” said Jalila Haider, a representative of We the Human…. “Haider was representing the Hazara Community from Quetta. She discussed faith-based discrimination in Baluchistan. …

“She said every society should take responsibility for mistakes made in the past. “Hazaras sided with the state when Ahmadis were declared non-Muslim. On behalf of my community, I would like to apologize to representatives of Jamaat Ahmadiyya present at the conference for this mistake,” she said. …”

When contacted, Ms Haider corrected the above report in that it were not ‘Hazaras’ who sided with the state, but ‘Shias’ on whose behalf she apologized.

Bravo.

**Who will take action against misconduct of a (Lahore High Court) judge now retired? A press report**

*Lahore; May 17, 2016:* The daily Mashriq published the following report today as lead news on the front page (extracts):

**Who will take action against misconduct of a (LHC) judge now retired?**

*The same case was put up simultaneously before two courts. It was also put up before Justice Khalid Mehmud who had retired the day before.*

Lahore (Zeeshan Baig Shami). It is being passionately discussed in Pakistani legal circles as to under what article of the constitution action can be taken against a judge after his retirement if judge of a high court is guilty of some misconduct in performance of his duties….

This issue came forth when the same case was listed before two judges in the high court. It was placed in the court of Justice Khalid Mehmud who had retired the day before; while it was cancelled in the cause list of the other court.

Justice © Khalid Mehmud Khan heard this case a day before his retirement (sic) and annulled the FIR of the accuseds involved in an (anti) corruption case. ...

Senior judge of the high court took notice of two cause lists of the same case and ordered disciplinary action against the responsible officials. The high court dismissed these three officials and ordered registration of a case (against them). Anti-corruption officials arrested them.
During the investigation the accused officials admitted that they had indulged in such activities for years and had received a heavy amount in the current case as well. They disclosed that 9 others were also involved (in this malpractice).

The accused, Tariq, Imran etc admitted the guilt that they demanded and received money for years to place cases before the requested \textit{(man pasand)} judges, they were involved in fact in other illegal activities. Nine other accomplices are also involved who are now employed in different branches of the high court. …

DG Anti-corruption has written a letter to Lahore High Court to permit investigation against the other 9 clerks, in view of the statements of the accused. The Registrar has been further requested in this letter to provide full security to the investigating officer who is under great pressure and has been discreetly threatened by powerful lawyers visiting the accused.

The most important issue in this case, however, is what legal action can be taken against your favourite judge if he is now retired.

**Supreme Court seeks response on restoring Jamia Hafsa (in Islamabad):**

**Press Report**

\textit{Islamabad; May 5, 2016}: The daily Dawn published a report today about Supreme Court’s proceedings on response to its order of October 2, 2007 issued over the bloody events of the Lal Masjid of Islamabad in 2007. It deserves a place in our HR archives. (Extracts):

**SC orders govt. to implement 2007 Lal Masjid Judgment**

ISLAMABAD: Nine years have slipped away, but the bloody events of the 2007 Lal Masjid standoff have refused to recede. Describing the perceived lack of implementation on the part of the government as an “enigma”, the Supreme Court on Wednesday ordered the government to explain what steps it has taken to comply with its Oct 2, 2007 judgment.

“Now, the procrastination needs to end,” said Justice Ejaz Afzal Khan, while heading a two judge Supreme Court bench. …

The Lal Masjid conflict began when students from Jamia Hafsa occupied the adjacent Children’s Library on Jan 22, 2007, in response to the razing of seven ‘unauthorised’ mosques by the city’s administration.

The confrontation escalated in the following month, erupting into armed clashes resulting in the death of a Rangers official on July 3, 2007 by gunfire from the mosque. The army was called in the same night, and special forces stormed the mosque after the suspension of water and electricity supply failed to subdue the alleged militants within the mosque.

On Wednesday, the court asked the government to submit an implementation report, after Advocate Tariq Asad – representing the petitioners – argued that the government failed to reply to any of the court’s directions in its earlier judgment, adding that the government’s response that it failed to gather any evidence to prove claims of the desecration of the Holy Quran was incorrect. These petitions were filed in 2007 as well as in 2010 by a number of aggrieved individuals.

…
Authored by retired Justice Mohammad Nawaz Abbasi, the judgment had required the Islamabad police to verify the antecedents of innocent individuals killed in the Lal Masjid incident, and to record statements of their legal heirs to determine their entitlement for compensation in the form of diyat, or blood money.

The order also required the Islamabad sessions judge to make compensation payments to the legal heirs of those victims who were determined to have been innocent.

The judgment stated that the process for the payment of compensation should have been completed within two months.

The judgment also ordered the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to consider the construction of a hostel with a girls’ seminary, in addition to a research centre. It stated that the total area in the use of Jamia Hafsa, subject to all just exceptions, be treated as part of the institutions and research centre for religious education. It said efforts should be made to complete this construction within a year.

The 2007 order had also asked the government to accommodate the students of Jamia Hafsa who were displaced by the incident, thereby discontinuing their studies. In the event that the government did not provide such a site, the order said the students should be accommodated in a separate wing of the Jamia Fareedia building so their classes could begin no later than Oct 30, 2007.

The order also said Umme Hassan would act as principal, while the government would bear girl students’ education expenses – which included books, meals, board and lodging – in addition to teachers’ salaries. …

**Killer of an Ahmadi released on bail**

**Lahore; May 26, 2016:** It would be recalled that in March 2012 the police tortured an innocent Ahmadi teacher and local community leader Mr. Abdul Qadoos to death.

Shujaat Malhi, who was in charge of investigation while Mr. Abdul Qadoos was in his custody, was held responsible for his death. Recently, the Lahore High Court ordered his release on bail.

Some salient features of this case are very briefly mentioned below:

- The daily Nawa-e-Waqt reported the news on April 1, 2012 as, “Chenab Nagar: School teacher dies of police torture. Citizens’ strong protest.”
- The official Medical Board reported: “The death… is suggestive of due to anti-mortem trauma… leading to renal failure and its allied complications.”
- The investigating magistrate mentioned in his report: “Furthermore, accused Shujat Malhi SI as incharge investigation, and Amir Nazir 493/C are found fully involved in a brutal murder of Abdul Qadoos deceased.” He called the accused handling “deceased was subjected to inhumane torture.”
- Mobashir Ahmad, an eye witness told the magistrate that on March 26, he found that Mr Qadoos could barely walk and his entire clothes were stained with blood and blood was coming forth in his vomits and stool.
The murder accused Shujat Malhi is under trial. On May 26, 2016 Lahore High Court ordered his release on bail. The case of Mr Tahir Mahdi Imtiaz belonging to the same community as that of the above mentioned murder victim is worth a mention here. He is printer of Ahmadiyya publications, including the monthly Ansarullah. He was arrested on March 30, 2015 for implication in a case fabricated by mullas over the monthly, allegedly recovered in this case from the main accused. There is however nothing in the said issue that is even remotely blasphemous. Mr. Imtiaz applied to the Lahore High Court for release on bail. A 2-member bench of the court refused him bail, and ordered that clause 8-W ATA be added to his charge sheet and the case be tried in an Anti-terrorism court. The judge of this trial court has approved the complainant’s demand that the more serious blasphemy clauses PPC 295-B and 295-C be added to the charge sheet. The penalty for the latter PPC is death. The accused does not know what exactly is blasphemous in what he published. No bail for him from the same high court, while his trial goes on.

Religion based hostility in Gujranwala

Gujranwala, April 2016: Some unidentified men wrote anti-Ahmadiyya hateful inscriptions on the shutter of Mr. Abdul Majeed Ahmadi’s shop. They wrote, “Qadianis Must be Killed (as per sharia), Mirzais are Infidels, etc.” Police were informed of this disturbing incident. They registered an FIR with No. 86 in PS Kotwali on April 9, 2016 against unknown accused; however no arrests have been made yet. Ahmadis are exercising caution and vigilance.

Ahmadiyya annual reports on persecution and media hostility released

Rabwah; April 26, 2016: Mr Saleemuddin, Director Public Affairs and Spokesman of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan released here annual Persecution Report and the Media Report for 2015 to the press.

He stated that there was distinct increase in anti-Ahmadiyya hatred and tyranny during the year. The on-going persecution of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya, initiated long ago, is reaching the limit; meanwhile the law-enforcement agencies continue to play puppets of the anti-Ahmadi lobby.

Below we translate only the headlines of the press conference printed in the daily Al-Fazl, Rabwah on April 27, 2016:

- 2015: Further increase in violation of Ahmadis' human rights
- Premeditated murder attacks made on Ahmadis. They continued to be killed for their faith.
- Ahmadis were deprived of participation in Local Government elections, through a discriminatory list.
- A factory and Ahmadi homes were burnt down over fabricated accusation of defiling the Holy Quran.
- Highly inciteful literature is openly distributed that urges the reader impose a social and economic boycott on Ahmadis, as also to murder them (for their faith). Does the official inaction over this amount to approval by the authorities?
- Punjab government bans all Ahmadiyya literature on baseless recommendation of the Motahida Ulama Board.
- Throughout 2015 Urdu press continued to publish fabricated and inciteful anti-Ahmadiyya news.
- More than 1570 hostile news items and 334 op-eds were published as hostile propaganda.
- Restoration of Ahmadis’ basic human rights and annulment of discriminatory laws demanded.

Ahmadis 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 bails were 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 his bail, but refused to sign his decision later. Thereafter a 2-member bench of LHC refused him 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. 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 Mr. Abdul Shakoor was sentenced in addition to three years’ imprisonment under the anti-Ahmadiyya law.

From the media

Ahmadi man gunned down

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 26, 2016
Congratulations to Goleki Muslims for (court) verdict in their favour over mosque: Maulana Ilyas Chinioti

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, May 17, 2016

Aminpur Bangla: Mosque in Qadianis’ possession – court gives ruling in Muslims’ favour

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, May 17, 2016

Only Muslims will hold Ramazan Bazaar in Chenab Nagar: Chaudhry Muhammad Islam (JI)
We shall resist powerfully if Ramazan Bazar caters for Qadianis.

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, May 5, 2016

Qadianis were traitors yesterday; today also they are busy cutting the roots of Pakistan: Former President (of Pakistan; Rafiq Tarar)

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, May 20, 2016

Qadianis and Jews are joint enemy of Muslim Ummah: Maulana Abdul Hafeez’s talk with Qari Shabbir Usmani (IKNM)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, May 2, 2016

Pakistan’s integrity is dependent on safeguarding the tenet of end of prophethood: (mulla) Abdul Ghafur Rehmani

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, May 5, 2016

Policeman killed, 19 injured in Peshawar blasts

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 19, 2016

Abductors struck me with lashes (korey marey), pulled out my nails, buried me in earth: Shahbaz Taseer
They cut my lions with blades and stitched my lips. They demanded my bank account:

Interview

The daily Jang; Lahore, May 17, 2016

SC seeks response on restoring Jamia Hafsa (of Islamabad; SC order of October 2007)

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, May 5, 2016

Gilani’s abducted son recovered after three years

The daily The News; Lahore, May 11, 2016

Minorities asked (by authorities) to beef up worship places security

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 13, 2016

Man arrested on blasphemy charge (for posting blasphemy text on a social net-working website)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 26, 2016

Afghan Taliban Chief Mansoor killed in air strike: US

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 22, 2016

COAS okays death sentence of five Safora convicts

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 13, 2016

Rights activist (Khurram Zaki) buried as ASWJ leader, Lal Masjid cleric booked in murder case

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 9, 2016
He (Zulfiquar Ali Bhutto) shut them (Ahmadis) up. He twisted their neck and buried this mischief (fitna) forever” Raja Pervez Ashraf, Former Prime minister (PPP)’s speech in Kotli AJK (translated) from Punjabi. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsjulR3xJ18

Also on ARY News on April 30, 2016

We broke the neck of Ahmadis and buried them forever: Former Prime Minister (PPP) Raja Pervez Ashraf

The daily The Nation; Lahore, May 10, 2016

No action feasible against Jamaat Dawa, Jaish Muhamamd; state itself is involved: Rana Sanaullah

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 19, 2016

Politicians have no right to comment or question people’s faith. History has taught us politicization of faith has lethal consequences for all: tweeted Bilawal Bhutto subsequently.

A.Q. Khan’s family figures in Panama Papers

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 14, 2016

Family planning not for Muslims: (Erdogan, Turkish president)

The daily The Nation; Lahore, May 31, 2016

Over 140 people killed in Syria blasts (by IS)

The daily The Nation; Lahore, May 24, 2016

BD JI Chief Nizami hanged for ‘war crimes’

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 11, 2016

France should grant Muslim women freedom to put on veil as per their custom: Pope Francis

The daily Nawa-e-Waqt; Lahore, May 19, 2016

Six hanged in Kabul as govt toughens Taliban policy

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 9, 2016

Sadiq Khan elected London mayor

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 7, 2016

Outrage in multiethnic Malaysia as government backs Islamic law

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 29, 2016

US citizens allowed to sue S Arabia, others over 9/11

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 19, 2016

Pope and Al Azhar imam in historic embrace

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 19, 2016

FIR lodged against US officials over drone attack

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 24, 2016

Dr Asim (a former PPP federal minister) indicted in Rs 460 bn corruption case

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 7, 2016

Imran Khan is Jewish lobby’s agent: Saad Rafiq (Railway Minister)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 31, 2016

Ghazi Abdul Rashid (of Lal Masjid) murder case: Court declares Pervez Musharraf (Ishtihari) ‘proclaimed offender’

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 22, 2016
Hanging of Muti-ur-Rehman (JI leader in Bangladesh) amounts to hanging of Pakistan: 
Siraj ul Haq (JI Chief, Pakistan) 
The daily Jang; Lahore, May 24, 2016

PM paid no wealth tax in seven years 
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 18, 2016

Not a rupee taken out of Pakistan: PM 
The daily The Nation; Lahore, May 17, 2016

70 years old (Indian) woman gives birth to first baby, with her 79-year-old husband 
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 11, 2016

Three-year-old girl raped, killed (in District Gujranwala, Punjab) 
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 9, 2016

UNHCR says 700 feared dead (within a week) in shipwrecks (in Med) 
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 30, 2016

NAB raid on Finance Secretary Baluchistan office and home delivers treasure of more than 630 million 
The daily Jang; Lahore, May 7, 2016

TV channels being bribed to slander persons, says CJP 
The daily The News; Lahore, May 25, 2016

Former actress Veena Malik announces joining Jamia Binauria (in Karachi) for religious education 
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 8, 2016

LHC recommends removal of federal ombudsperson. Superior courts have no jurisdiction over orders of Ombudsperson’s Office, SC told 
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 18, 2016

Op-ed: Will Bilawal be the new voice for minorities? 
As always chaos ensued on social media yesterday. 
Not when the former Prime Minister of Pakistan Raja Pervez Ashraf said "PPP broke the neck of Ahmadis."

For that there were a lot of loud claps, thumps at the back, laughter and roars from the on looking crowd with unabashed glee ‘look, we got those Ahmadis good, didn’t we!”

The uproar came when Pakistan’s People Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto took a stand and said “Politicians have no right to comment or question people’s faith. History has taught us politicization of faith has lethal consequences for all.”

That’s when the fight(s) started.

Op-ed: The unapologetic syndrome of truth
The PPP Chairperson’s originations of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir election campaign on Saturday in Kotli, was discolored by the prejudice of the country’s former Prime Minister for probably the most persecuted religious community in Pakistan. The remarks eulogized the PPP government of its founder Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, for the execution of the ‘Qadiani’ (a derogatory term for the Ahmadiyya – Muslim community) question; hence closing the mouth and severing the neck of it thereof. The spleen disgorged by the person who no more than three years ago engaged the most sacrosanct spot in the government, is not
wholly disconcerting and comparable of hate speech, but also factually erroneous and disingenuous demonizing the epicenter of Pakistani populism and its highest leader in prestige – next only to Jinnah.

Anecdotes of the founder’s trusty involvement with the Ahmedi community in the years that led to the foundation of Pakistan – the most prominent of them being Muhammad Zafarullah Khan who chaired the All India Muslim League for a term, sketched the momentous Lahore Resolution and served as the debut Foreign Minister of Pakistan. The middling Pakistani mind has been doctored with vitriol for decades and is barefaced in the treatment parcelled out to the country’s first Nobel laureate, renounced for his adherence to a religious faction disbanded by the self-righteous majority and the elegy of his grave defiled for removing the name ‘Muslim’ from it. The perplexing biasness is positioned on partial awareness which is perilous and has misinformed the discourse on the matter.

…

Minorities already reside on the edge in Pakistan. The smoldering of three churches and 200 houses belonging to the Christians in Lahore’s Joseph Colony in March, 2013 on accusations of blasphemy for example, or the burning alive of a Christian couple in a brick kiln in Kasur in November 2014 illustrates the ruthlessness and viciousness of the head-eating religion card that has transformed the country into a den of vigilantism and religiously incited violence. The dissemination of political Islam has been toxic to the cultural vibrancy and multi-ethnicity of the original nation we were when we came into being in 1947. …

Religion is a double-edged sword. Once in motion, there is no curtailment. April 30th chapter was repellent, more so because Raja Pervez Ashraf made these remarks at a political rally of the PPP, the only centre-left, federal, liberal political party of Pakistan and which many, including myself, view as the sole citadel of pluralistic politics. One must be mindful of the fact that it is the same brazen speechifying that goes unbridled in the name of religion which fuels the likes of Mumtaz Qadri and is a vote-winning ploy adopted by political parties. This is precisely what instigated the murder of former Punjab Governor Salmaan Taseer, who is undeniably a true martyr for braving bullets in the fight for justice for an aggrieved Christian woman synonymous to the teachings of the Prophet of Islam (PBUH): “Beware! Whoever is cruel and hard on a non-Muslim minority, or curtails their rights, or burdens them with more than they can bear, or takes anything from them against their free will; I (Prophet Muhammad) will complain against the person on the Day of Judgment.” The PPP Chairman’s rejoinder to the former Prime Minister’s bile-dipped speech: ‘Politicians have no right to comment or question peoples’ faith. History has taught us politicization of faith has lethal consequences for all.’ exemplifies a glow in this sinister abyss of bigotry and fittingly how a conscientious political leader and citizen must conduct himself.

Religious discrimination must not be spared to swallow up our generations to come. It is regrettable that the battle to salvage Jinnah’s Pakistan is yet to start on!

*Saria Benazir in The Nation of May 4, 2016*
Op-ed: **Death of diversity**

In a column in the Guardian recently, Elif Shafak, a Turkish writer, says: “It is hard to be an Armenian in Turkey.

Or a Kurd, or an Alevi, or gay, or a conscientious objector, or a Jew, or a woman, or somebody who just doesn’t happen to agree with what’s happening in the country… An ‘ideology of sameness’ dominates the land.

That ideology is shaped by Turkish nationalism, Islamism and authoritarianism blended with machismo and patriarchy. The tension in politics permeates all aspects of daily life.”

In Pakistan, we could add Hindus, Christians and Ahmedis as well as Hazara Shias to Ms Shafak’s dismal list; except that life for them isn’t just ‘hard’, it’s often very short.

_Irfan Hussain in the daily Dawn of 14 May 2016_

**Annex:** A hateful ‘Message’ widely distributed through mobile phones
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Assalmo Alaikum

The manager of Mobilink in Qaidabad is a Qadiani. It is *haram* (forbidden in Sharia) to do business with Qadianis. As such, implement the Qadiani manager’s boycott starting today.

*(Majlis)* Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat Qaidabad, Distt. KHUSHAB