

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

News Report April 2015

Six Ahmadis arrested in religion-based case

Chak 109 GB, District Faisalabad; April 20, 2015: The construction work of local Ahmadiyya mosque remained interrupted for the last two years due to police intervention. There was no boundary wall on one side of the mosque, which became a serious security concern. The local Ahmadiyya community decided to build the wall to make the mosque safe. When 80% work was complete, the opponents called the police to the site, who stopped the work. The police took away Mr. Abdul Rauf, the president of the local Ahmadiyya community and another official, Mr. Ikram, and released them after interrogation.

On April 20, 2015 a gang of 20 men of Bareilvi sect came to the mosque on motorcycles, indulged in intensive firing in the air, demolished the newly constructed wall and fled. Ahmadis telephoned 15 and called the police. The police called both the parties to the police station. After negotiations, at about 10 p.m. the police arrested five Ahmadis who had gone there to negotiate. These were Mr. Rafiq Kahlon, Mr. Abdul Rauf, Mr. Bilal Ahmad, Mr. Luqman Ajmal and Mr. Masood Ahmad. The police did not allow other Ahmadis to meet them. The police then raided the house of another Ahmadi, Mr. Ikram and arrested him too.

Thereafter the police registered an FIR against 13 nominated and 10 unknown Bareilvis and the six Ahmadis mentioned above and five unnamed, under CrPC 148, 149, 324/337-H, 7-ATA and 16-MPO.

Ahmadis are still behind bars and efforts for their release on bail are being made.

This case raises some basic questions:

1. Does the Islamic Republic cater for the wishes of the majority denomination only or do the 'others' have some rights too?
2. Why the Ahmadis were not allowed to complete construction of their place of worship?
3. Who was responsible to require the wide gap in the outer protection wall remain open?
4. Was it a criminal offence to secure the place of worship as required by general official instructions these days?
5. On what basis the peaceful Ahmadis were booked in the same FIR along with the opponents who had come to raid their place, fired shots and damaged Ahmadis' place of worship?
6. Why the raider gang was not booked under PPC 295: **Injuring or defiling place of worship?**
7. Ahmadis had called the police on 15 to help. Is this the kind of help the Punjab Police in Faisalabad provides to victims of an organised attack?
8. Which police manual instructs that the attacking party and their victims should be treated at par?
9. Is the treatment of Ahmadi victims in this case in accord with the basic intent of the ongoing National Action Plan?

A baseless agitation by mullas

Tatta Pani, Kotli, Azad Kashmir; March/April, 2015:

Some mullas here complained to police that Chaudhary Amjad, an Ahmadi had defiled the picture of their *Pir* (spiritual leader) on Facebook, so he should be arrested. The police readily registered an FIR and arrested Mr. Amjad. The mullas chose to remain infuriated despite the action of the police and created disturbance and agitation in the city. The *Pir* is an influential figure of this area. Many well-placed individuals and a large population are his followers. The *Pir* was in the UK at the time.

The agitators thereafter planned to take out a big rally. At this the *Pir* was contacted in UK and was informed through his aides that this was a conspiracy and Ahmadis do not indulge in such activities. The *Pir* talked to his followers on phone and told them not to hold the rally. Thus the rally did not come out. However the miscreants are still trying to incite the public and to keep the pot simmering.

Mr. Amjad stated that he has not done anything of which he is accused. The police have been asked to seek expert opinion and they are investigating. Initial investigations suggest Mr. Amjad's innocence.

In another incidence in the city, the opponents held a rally and erased the title of *Haji* (one who performs pilgrimage to Makkah) from the name plate of an Ahmadi. Ahmadis were told not to open their shops until the matter is resolved. Mr. Amjad remains in police custody.

Authorities' decision to commit blatant discrimination against Ahmadiyya publications

Lahore: The daily *Jehan e Pakistan* reported in its issue of April 14, 2015 that the Home Department, Punjab had decided to ban publications, CDs etc of 150 authors. The paper published this list of documents, in a chart. The list contains 11 Ahmadiyya publications. This decision deserves a brief analysis and comment.

The decision includes the provision that the production and display etc of these documents will attract provisions of Anti-Terrorism Act and will carry penalties of 5 years' imprisonment and fine. We are of the opinion that the inclusion of Ahmadiyya publications in the list is highly *malafide* in the guise of anti-terrorism policy. The news item mentions that "the ban on these books, periodicals, pamphlets, CDs and DVDs of these authors has been imposed in co-operation with **ulama karam** (i.e. mullas; emphasis added)." Inclusion of Ahmadiyya publications is an act of blatant discrimination and is malafide; we explain below.

It is noteworthy that Ahmadiyya daily *Alfazi* and monthlies *Ansarullah*, *Khalid* and *Tehrik Jadid* are included in the list. It is not a specific issue that is banned; by not mentioning a date or month, the order could be assumed as effective against all issues. This is a great wrong, as these periodicals are published under proper official authorization. The new order will short-circuit and countermand the authentic original permission. A perusal of the entire list further discloses that no daily or monthly of any 'Muslim' publisher has been banned in this manner. Obviously some anti-Ahmadi sectarian extremist recommended the measure and the clerks of the Punjab Secretariat included the Ahmadiyya periodicals in the list.

Also worth special mention is the ban on Tazkarah. This book is a compendium of the dreams, visions and revelations etc. related by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani (the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya movement) on different occasions and published in various publications. These were compiled in one volume long after his death. It is thus an esoteric publication that least deserves a notice under terror concerns. This compilation, however, is of great importance to Ahmadis who hold it in great esteem. And lo and behold, the provincial Home Department proceeds to ban it. One could bet that 95% of the Department officials have never seen a copy of Tazkarah, let alone read through it.

It would be relevant that the same Home Department which decided to ban Tazkarah under the guise of Anti-Terrorism Act decided not to ban a book 'Tohfa Qadianiat' (Gift to Ahmadis) authored by 'Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Yusuf Ludhianvi', and published by Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat, Multan, which states on its pages 680/681, (*Translation*):

“My and your duty”

...What does the sense of honour and shame (ghairat) demand from Muslims? In fact, it demands that not a single Qadiani should be left alive on earth. Seize each one of these malignant individuals and kill them. I am not being emotional when I say this. This is the verity; this is the edict of Islam. This is the law of Islam concerning Murtads (*apostates*) and Zindiques (*heretics*)....”

The Home Department would do well to spare some time for training of its officials in human rights and freedom of religion and belief, so closely related to internal peace, well being and good governance.

Up-date of monthly Ansarullah case

Lahore; April 8, 2015: We reported last month that Mr. Tahir Mehdi Imtiaz, printer of the Ahmadiyya monthly Ansarullah, was arrested by the police on March 30, 2015 in a Lahore court premises where he had gone to seek confirmation of bail in another case.

Mr. Imtiaz was wrongfully implicated in a fabricated case registered with Millat Town police station on April 16, 2014 under the blasphemy clause PPC 295-A and anti-Ahmadiyya 298-C on behest of mullas.

The police obtained his remand for three days for initial investigation. After this the judge sent Mr. Imtiaz to prison in judicial custody.

An appeal was filed for his bail. The judge heard the case for five days and rejected his plea on April 8, 2015.

It is noteworthy that the case against Mr. Imtiaz is pure fabrication, registered on a private complaint of a mulla, with reference to a monthly that contained no objectionable text, still the judge refused to accept the bail of the accused. Also noteworthy is the fact that the state prosecutor objected to the bail, although the Supreme Court is on record to have directed: “The state should provide security to minorities, otherwise ...” *The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, February 9, 2013*

Up-date on anti-Ahmadiyya Gujranwala riot case

Gujranwala; April 20, 2015: Mr. Aqib Saleem, Ahmadi was wrongfully charged on July 28, 2014 and arrested on August 6, 2014. Prior to this a charged mob had attacked Ahmadis' homes and

businesses, looted them and set them on fire, resulting in deaths of one Ahmadi woman and two children.

Two rioters Muhammad Jameel *alias* Fauji and Sajjad Gul were at the forefront of the riot. They were named in the FIR as well. The police arrested them – eventually. On April 20, 2015 the Lahore High Court accepted their pleas for bail although Ahmadi lawyers presented plenty of evidence on their criminal participation in the riot.

Mr. Aqib Saleem, although innocent, however remains behind bars. The next date of hearing of this case is May 5.

Ahmadiyya annual report on persecution and press overview

Rabwah; April 13, 2015: Press Section of the Directorate of Public Affairs of Ahmadiyya central office in Pakistan released its annual Urdu Press Overview Report 2014 and Persecution of Ahmadis Report 2014. The text of Press Release is reproduced below:

Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan has issued its annual report on persecution and Urdu press review

Rabwah: (PR) The spokesperson of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan Saleemuddin issued the annual persecution report for 2014 and said that in 2014 the hatred and persecution against Ahmadis increased, and violence took a new shape. 11 Ahmadis lost their lives because of their faith, and this year more deaths were in the Punjab. In Punjab's city of Gujranwala a vigilante mob burnt the properties of Ahmadis and killed three innocent humans including a woman and two children. The worst part but a norm in such crimes against Ahmadis was police presence that stood there doing nothing to protect the Ahmadis. As usual the police and state of Pakistan failed on many occasions to protect Ahmadi lives.

Saleemuddin said that the campaign to boycott Ahmadis socially has moved from the mosques and conferences to common man. More and more stickers and posters are visible now across Pakistan where increasing number of shops and public transport vehicles such as taxis have such stickers to stop Ahmadis from coming to their businesses. Such stickers openly claim that Ahmadis are not allowed to enter these shops and taxis and it is wrong and forbidden to do business with them. It's happening right under the nose of government in Islamabad and Lahore and many other cities and towns of Pakistan. The hate campaign against Ahmadis is spread across Pakistan but the government is doing nothing to even address the issue, let alone do something. It's not just limited to the living, but even dead Ahmadis are not spared as in Chak 96-GB in Jaranwala district Faisalabad where uniformed police took hammers and broke tomb stones of Ahmadi graves and desecrated their graves. We have yet to see iron hand of law and its enforcement agencies in curtailing and curbing miscreants on the other hand.

The spokesperson said that Pakistan media's attitude towards Ahmadis is seriously questionable where it is their responsibility to give true and accurate news to its readers and viewers but it fails to do so. It is also their responsibility not to publish any hate material or news based on bias and hatred of a community. Yet around 2000 news stories and articles were published against Ahmadis in 2014, some of them containing grave threats. This is just an estimate from the newspapers that are accessible to Jamaat's press office. The real number is much higher and threats are very serious.

The electronic media's bigotry is visible from the fact that Pakistani news channel "Aaj TV" that airs BBC Urdu's TV program Sairbeen refused to air the program on 31 July 2014 that had a report about the Gujranwala incident in it. It has also refused to air another program that contained a report about Ahmadis during the same year.

When the government of Pakistan and all its political and military leadership unanimously decided to lift the moratorium on death penalty and there was consensus against terrorists, the apologists of such terrorists were given free airtime on a morning show on Geo TV. The host of this program, a so called religious scholar allowed the participants to spew hatred against Ahmadis and encouraged them to opine that Ahmadis were behind all this, and then endorsed their views clearly. Yet nobody raised an eye brow and the media regulator PEMRA did nothing whatsoever to even send a forceful show cause notice to the channel or this host.

The spokesman said that Ahmadiyya-specific discriminatory laws are against basic human rights and international agreements that Pakistan is a signatory to. They are also against the Pakistan that its founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah created. These laws are increasingly becoming a tool in the hands of miscreants and militants. It's high time that government should end this bigotry and discrimination.

After the notorious 1984 anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance till 31 December 2014, 249 Ahmadis have been killed because of their faith. 317 Ahmadis were target of assassination attempts, 27 Ahmadi places of worship were destroyed, 31 were sealed illegally by authorities and construction of 52 places of worship was stopped. 39 Ahmadi dead bodies were desecrated after their burial when the graves were dug out. 65 Ahmadis were not allowed to be buried in common graveyards that are for everybody.

Rabwah was named by the government as Chenab Nagar against the wishes of its 95 per cent population who are Ahmadi, who cannot hold a gathering in the city but the miscreants and militants are allowed to openly bring all sorts of rallies into town and hold gatherings without any consultation and regard of its majority Ahmadi residents. The participants and speakers of these rallies openly abuse the respected elders of the community and the police give them full protection. Ahmadis on the other hand are not even allowed to organize sports events, let alone religious gatherings.

Ahmadis face problems in their businesses and work places where there is constant harassment, abuse and sometime naked violence. The same situation is at educational institutions where Ahmadi students have to live with constant bullying and harassment because of their faith.

The spokesperson of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan has appealed to sane voices in Pakistan to urge the government to end the prejudice and persecution on the basis of faith and do something to end this vicious cycle of violation of basic human rights. So the country could prosper and rid itself from this menace of extremism and terrorism.

Conduct of a mulla on state pay-roll

Lahore: The daily *Ausaf*, quoting its representative in Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) entered 3-column headline news that reported the following statement of mulla Zahid Mehmud Qasmi who is "Member Islamic Ideology Council (IIC) and Secretary General of International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement and Pakistan Ulama Council":

Qadianis are a colossal mischief (*fitna*): The World of Islam will have to unite to crush its head: Zahid Mehmud Qasmi

(He) said: Qadianis are a colossal mischief who are ever busy with the help of their masters, the US, Israel and other western countries, in their condemnable activities to misguide simple Muslims to spread disbelief and apostasy. The entire World of Islam (*Aalam-i-Islam*) will have to firmly unite to confront it in order to crush its head. Addressing the guests and talking to the media he said that 'end of prophethood' is the foundation of our faith and its essential part; we shall sacrifice all for protection of this belief and will not allow the slightest disrespect towards the honour of the Prophet (peace be on him)....

This sectarian mulla, in addition to being on IIC is an Advisor to the Punjab Government (in the rank of a minister). He is paid from public funds. He indulges in sectarian activities and thus violates state policy implemented through National Action Plan after the massacre in APS, Peshawar.

This raises many questions.

Anti-Ahmadi rallies and conferences by extremist elements

April 2015: A National Action Plan (NAP) is apparently being implemented by the state authorities, against extremist religious elements, after the massacre in Army Public School in Peshawar in December 2014.

With reference to this NAP it is relevant to report on anti-Ahmadi sectarian activism, so that concerned authorities take note and initiate suitable follow-up action. We produce below a list of such open rallies and conferences held in the province of Punjab during the month of April 2015. The list is compiled from the ads and news reports in the vernacular press published in Lahore, the provincial capital. The published list admittedly is not comprehensive.

Date	Location	Sponsor
2 April	Chichawatni	Khatme Nabuwwat organization
4 April	Narowal	Khatme Nabuwwat organization
4 April	Kasur	Khatme Nabuwwat organization
7 April	Lahore	Markaz Khatme Nabuwwat
12 April	Toba Tek Singh	Khatme Nabuwwat organization
16 April	Lahore	Jamia Ashrafia
18 April	Hafizabad	Khatme Nabuwwat organization
18 April	Kasur	Khatme Nabuwwat organization
21 April	Faisalabad U/C 205	JUI
22 April	Kasur	Jamia Rahimia
24 April	Jhang Sadar	IKNM
26 April	New Muslim Town, Lahore	Ahrar
26 April	Lahore	Ulama/Madinah Conference
26 April	Chenab Nagar	Jamia Islamia
26 April	Nankana Sahib	Khatme Nabuwwat organization
29 April	Lahore	AMTKN
30 April	Faisalabad	Jamia Usmania

In these conferences etc. all was said at full throat that the NAP aims at discouraging. Obviously mullas are using the themes of Khatme Nabuwwat, Blasphemy, Shariah Rule etc. to indulge in sectarian and religious extremism that breeds terrorism eventually.

The authorities look the other way when such activism is pursued. This sort of attitude and policy led to extensive riots, fall of the provincial and the central governments and the imposition of first ever martial law in the country. It happened in 1953.

Another anti-Ahmadiyya conference permitted and held in Rabwah

Rabwah; April 26, 2015: Ninety-five percent of Rabwah population is Ahmadi yet they are not permitted to hold any religious conference in their town. On the other hand hostile mullas are allowed repeatedly every year to hold rallies in this town and pose a threat to the law and order in this otherwise peaceful location. This goes on even after the implementation of the NAP.

According to a poster a Khatme Nabuwwat conference was announced for April 26, 2015 in Rabwah. Ahmadiyya office wrote a letter to authorities and requested them to disallow this conference for its potential threat to law and order. It conveyed: *“The venue of the conference is surrounded by Ahmadis’ houses. This madrassa is situated right there which is very provocative ... In view of the prevailing precarious situation in the country it is strongly recommended that this conference be disallowed as it could precipitate unpleasant incidents.”*

Authorities still allowed the mullas to hold this conference who indulged in religious extremism and stoked the fire of sectarian animosity. Whither National Action Plan!

It is significant that this was the first rally of its kind at this venue. It has set a precedence, and the mullas will now insist on holding one every year, despite the fact that already on four different occasions anti-Ahmadi rallies are taken out annually in Rabwah.

Ahmadi teacher’s ordeal continues

Chak Chatha, District Hafizabad; March 18, 2015: Mr. Habibur Rahman, an Ahmadi school teacher has already been mentioned in our monthly reports for his continual faith-based persecution. He was transferred to Government Primary School Hameedpura and thereafter to Thatha Khurlanwala. There the situation was a bit calm for him, although he still received threats.

On March 18, 2015 Assistant Education Officer Kassoki telephoned Mr. Rahman and facilitated his talk with head of CTSC who directed Mr. Rahman to go back to Hameedpura, and assured him all possible support for his security.

Huge extortion money demanded

Mardan; March 25, 2015: Three Ahmadis of the Sheikh families were martyred here in 2010. The families shifted elsewhere except one which remained there. They run a business in the city. Since the murders, this family has been receiving threats through phone calls and SMS.

On March 25, 2015 the family received a threatening phone call from Tehrik Taliban Pakistan. The group demanded 5 million rupees and threatened the family with severe loss of life and property in case of non-compliance. The police were informed about it; they in turn gave the family the following guidelines:-

- Change mobile sim
- Change the route of commuting
- Change the number plates of cars and their colors
- Install CCTV cameras in your shop
- Place barbed wires in front of the shop and homes
- Don’t go out of the house after evening. Etc.

A suspicious visitor

Altaf Park, Lahore; March 15, 2015:

An unknown person came to the gate of the Ahmadiyya mosque here in the evening. The mosque was closed, however an Ahmadi youth was standing outside. The Ahmadi asked the stranger the reason of his visit, to which he replied, “I want to get your community’s card that would facilitate entry in your mosques.” When asked the reason, he replied, “I want information about the community; please arrange my meeting with your missionary.” The Ahmadi youth told him that he had been wrongly guided by someone; no cards were made there and no missionary resided there. At this the simpleton departed.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Lahore

Canal Park, Begumpura, Lahore; March 28, 2015:

Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat held a gathering here. This was organized by Maulvi Muhammad Hassan and pamphlets were distributed in the area for its publicity. Approximately 100 people participated. They used loudspeakers at the gathering. The mullas chanted slogans against the Ahmadiyya community. One mulla said, “Ahmadis are infidels; we will uproot them entirely.” Other speakers also incited the people against the community.

Khatme Nabuwwat course against Ahmadis

Buket Ganj Bazar, Mardan; March 22-24, 2015:

An anti-Ahmadiyya group held a 3-day Khatme Nabuwwat course here in the Buket Ganj Bazaar mosque. Mullas were invited from the Punjab as well. Ahmadiyya community was targeted and provocative literature was handed out to the participants. The teachers insulted the Ahmadiyya community and its founder in their lectures and incited the participants against the community. They violated the law through hate speeches but the police took no action against them.

The never-ending prosecution

Mangat Uncha, District Hafizabad: This village has a sizeable Ahmadiyya community; this made it a target of the district-level anti-Ahmadi leadership, who succeeded in year 2004 to have a fabricated criminal case registered against three Ahmadis under a blasphemy clause PPC 295B.

A year later, on November 12, 2005 a judge acquitted two of the accused, Ch. Shahadat Ali and Mr. Hafiz ur Rahman, and awarded life imprisonment to the third Ahmadi, Mr. Mansur Ahmad.

Mr. Mansur Ahmad, being innocent of the crime of defiling the Holy Quran, appealed to the Lahore High Court against the decision of the trial judge. The LHC ordered his release on bail on May 30, 2007. He was allowed to go home on June 16, 2007 – after almost two and half years of incarceration.

The opposition appealed against the LHC decision. Eight years later, the court gave April 15, 2015 as the date of hearing the petition. On that date, Mr. Mansur Ahmad presented himself in the court and entered his ‘power of attorney’. The court gave April 30 as the next date of hearing. As such, Mr. Mansur Ahmad has suffered state prosecution till to-date for 10 years, four months and 12 days on a fabricated accusation which should have been thrown out by the police after initial investigation.

A press report on progress of the National Action Plan (NAP)

Islamabad: April 11, 2015: Epaper.dawn published this press report in its release epaper.dawn.com/print-image@view.php? Story Text=11-04-2015-001-003, (extract):

Commanders want anti-terror fight 're-energized'

By Baqir Sajjad Syed

ISLAMABAD: Acknowledging that the National Action Plan (NAP) on counter-terrorism was not progressing well, the army's top brass on Friday called for 're-energizing' the fight.

The progress on NAP was reviewed at the 181st Corps Commanders Conference.

Army Chief Gen Raheel Sharif, who chaired the monthly meeting of the commanders, was quoted by ISPR as having emphasized on "re-energizing the National Action Plan in true letter and spirit and achieving discernible results".

The 20-point NAP was adopted after the Dec 16 Peshawar school attack and it envisaged stringent action against terrorism and militancy. However, four months later disenchantment among the public with the sluggish pace of progress is rising.

The army has so far looked to be in the driving seat for the implementation of the NAP and has borne much of the criticism about the lackluster NAP implementation.

Gen Sharif's clarion call for stepping up the fight is, however, directed towards the steps that the civilian administration was required to take.

Gen Raheel Sharif particularly called for taking action against growing extremism in the society alongside the fight against terrorism.

ISPR said: "COAS emphasized the need to concentrate on combating extremism from the society."

The army is reportedly dissatisfied with the lack of movement on the issue of madrasah reforms, proscribed organizations and sectarian groups; foreign funding of the seminaries; and action against hate speech.

Intensification of intelligence-based operations was also stressed at the meeting....

USCIRF Annual Report 2015

Washington: The US Commission of International Religious Freedom published its annual report for 2015 recently. Its chapter on Pakistan is short but substantial. Here we reproduce only four of the 12 Recommendations made therein:

The US government should:

- Recognize the unique governmental offices focusing on religious tolerance at the federal and provincial levels by including discussions on religious tolerance in U.S.-Pakistan dialogues or by creating a special track of bilateral engagement about government efforts to promote interfaith harmony;
- Urge the Pakistani government and provincial governments to review all cases of individuals charged with blasphemy in order to release those subjected to abusive charges, as is underway in Punjab, while still also calling for the unconditional release and pardoning of all individuals sentenced to prison for blasphemy or for violating anti-Ahmadi laws;
- Call for the repeal of the blasphemy law and the rescinding of anti-Ahmadi provisions of law; until those steps can be accomplished, urge the Pakistani government to reform the blasphemy law by making

blasphemy a bailable offense and/or by adding penalties for false accusations or enforcing such penalties found elsewhere in the penal code:

- Ensure that a portion of US security assistance is used to help police implement an effective plan for dedicated protection for religious minority communities and their places of worship; ...

Ahmadis behind bars

1. The police registered a fabricated case under Anti-terrorism clause ATA 8/11 and PPC 295-A a blasphemy clause, against Mr. Aqib Saleem with FIR no. 553/14 in Police Station Peoples Colony, Gujranwala on July 28, 2014. Bail denied, he is still in prison.
2. A baseless case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad, Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in police station Sharaqpur. Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassa 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.
3. A fabricated case was registered against Mr. Tahir Mehdi 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 298-C. His bail was denied; he is in prison.
4. An unwarranted case was registered against six Ahmadis, Mr. Rafiq Kahlon, Mr. Abdul Rauf, Mr. Bilal Ahmad, Mr. Luqman Ajmal, Mr. Masood Ahmad and Mr. Ikram under CrPC 148, 149, 324/337-H, 7-ATA, 16-MPO in Sadar Police Station, Jaranwala on April 20, 2015 for repairing boundary wall of their mosque. They were arrested and are in prison.

From the media

Bail dismissed: (Daily) Al-Fazal manager (Ahmadi) sent behind bars. The daily is only geared towards Ahmadis

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, April 10, 2015

“No group faces more persecution, and is more at risk than Ahmadis, in law and in practice,” he (Mustafa Qadri, a researcher for Amnesty International) said.

The daily Business Standard; India, April 13, 2015

Sara-i-Alamgir: Secret activities of Qadianis on super hype. Public enticed. A few Qadiani households in Gurdwara neighborhood are quietly busy.

The daily Din; Lahore, April 22, 2015

Chenab Nagar: Roads depleted due to heavy traffic; residents suffer

The daily Abtak; Lahore, April 1, 2015

The Third Force is the Qadiani lobby which is an agent of the international anti-Islam: Maulana Abdul Hafeez (Makki), Amir International Khatme Nabuwat Movement (IKNM)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, April 5, 2015

Muslim countries should protest against the Jewish-Qadiani lobby that promotes clash of civilizations through blasphemous sketches: World Pasban Khatme Nabuwat

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, March 30, 2015

All TV channels run by Qadianis should be banned: Qari Shabbir Usmani

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, April 5, 2015

12,000 lovers of 'end of prophethood' upheld the honor of Khatam-un-Nabiyyeen through sacrificing their lives: Haji Abdul Ghafur

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, April 3, 2015

We'll rest only on putting an end to Qadianism: Resolve the speakers (in Kasur)

The daily Islam; Lahore, April 6, 2015

Muslims should not go to Qadianis (doctors) for treatment: Maulana Akram Toofani

The daily Islam; Lahore, April 9, 2015

It is every Muslim's duty to protect Pakistan and Islam against conspiracies of ISIS and Qadiani Mirzais: Shahid Qadri (ST)

The daily Abtak; Lahore, April 12, 2015

Two Hazara men killed at bus stand (in Quetta)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 28, 2015

Pakistan's survival is linked with madrassahs, mosques and tombs: Ataul Muhaiman Bokhari, Ahrar leader (at Chichawatni rally)

The daily Islam; Lahore, April 10, 2015

The COAS emphasized the need to concentrate on combating extremism from society by re-energizing the National Action Plan in letter and spirit and achieving discernable results

The daily The News; Lahore, April 11, 2015

I'll justify Prime Minister's confidence in me: (Mulla) Zahid Mehmood Qasmi (Member IIC)

The daily Islam; Lahore, April 18, 2015

Qadianis are a monstrous evil; Islamic world will have to unite to confront it: Zahid Mahmood Qasmi

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, April 12, 2015

The parliament should declare support to Saudi Arabia through a unanimous resolution: Pervaiz Elahi

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 7, 2015

The founding father had unambiguously declared the policy of equality, freedom and protection of all regardless of their faith or ethnicity: Prime Minister

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 6, 2015

All citizens of Pakistan, all over, regardless of their faiths, avail equal rights. I am sincerely committed to the welfare and protection of rights of all minorities: Nawaz Sharif

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 6, 2015

'Timid' judge not entitled to be a judge: LHC CJ

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 9, 2015

Bangladesh hangs JI leader for 1971 killings

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 12, 2015

Pakistan could have to pay a 'heavy price' for its stand on Yemen conflict: Gargash (UAE minister)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 12, 2015

Saudi minister seeks support of religious parties

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 14, 2015

Clerics' exchange with S. Arabia proposed (at ministerial level)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 23, 2015

Saudi king resets succession in major shake-up

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 30, 2015

BJP threatens to impose ban on slaughter for mutton, as done for beef

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 8, 2015

Kenyan planes pound Shebab camps in Somalia after varsity massacre (in which) Islamists killed 148 people

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 7, 2015

Iranians celebrate (N-deal) framework agreement but Israel assails it

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 4, 2015

JUI-F against joining far-away civil war

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 6, 2015

Boko Haram has kidnapped 2000 women in a year: Amnesty

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 15, 2015

Suspected Boko Haram gunmen kill 21 in Nigeria

The daily The News; Lahore, April 28, 2015

700 feared dead as migrants' boat capsizes off Libya

Migrants dinghy sinks, 41 drown (on April 16)

Migrant boat sinks. 400 believed dead (on April 12, off Libya/Tunisia)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 20, 2015

Altaf calls PTI, JI branches of Taliban, Al Qaeda

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 19, 2015

Govt accused of going slow on National Action Plan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 21, 2015

Jamaat ud Dawa's rallies in various cities in support of Saudi Arabia

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 4, 2015

Rights activist (Ms. Sabeen Mahmud) shot dead after seminar on Baloch issue

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 25, 2015

20 (Non-Baloch) laborers gunned down in Turbat

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 12, 2015

New report reveals one-tenth of all children enrolled in madrassahs

Around 1.8 million children, nearly one-tenth of all enrolled students in Pakistan, study in religious seminaries, according to a report launched by the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training on Tuesday.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 22, 2015

7.6 million Pakistanis work abroad

The daily Express; Faisalabad, April 25, 2015

Op-ed: Terrorism of all hue

Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah has been turning in his grave for decades. All his life Mr. Jinnah fought for the rights and protection of Muslim minority community in India, eventually succeeding in creating a separate homeland for them called Pakistan. Indeed in his famous speech to the Constituent Assembly of the new state of Pakistan, he pledged to protect the rights of non-Muslim minorities unequivocally as equal citizens of state, and the state will have nothing to do with their beliefs.

... The remarkable thing is the ruling classes and state institutions of Pakistan have turned a blind eye to such acts (of terrorism against minorities) and remain completely unsympathetic to the plight of the victim communities. It is rare for the state and the government to crack down on such Islamists or to successfully capture and prosecute the perpetrators of these heinous crimes against humanity, almost as if there is an unspoken conspiracy between the organs of the state like the police, bureaucracy, judiciary and civil society to 'cleanse' the Islamist state of such deviants....

Najam Sethi in the daily Jang of March 22, 2015

Op-ed: So many states of war

We have failed to create this harmony. The number of conflicts seems in fact to be increasing. Some have virtually been forgotten – such as the one which pushes the Ahmadis into an entirely different category of people, deprived of the right to vote and labeled according to the will of the state. The mindset that we see all around us suggests the same treatment could be meted out to others. This would be a massive disaster, one that would take us into shadows from which it may be difficult to escape.

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This is not a sustainable situation. It will in the end inevitably destroy us and we can already see this happening with each new incident of terrorism, each new report of violence and each new act which lessens the little stability we still enjoy and weakens the bonds which hold us together. These bonds are in danger of falling apart.

Kamila Hyat in the daily The News; April 23, 2015

Op-ed: Hate-mongering against religious minorities

The atrocities in Pakistan are the result of hate-promoting speeches which kept on flourishing unhindered in Pakistan. Religious minorities here are the worst hit in the world in facing crimes due to hate-speeches, but persecution of Ahmadis falls in a different category from all others as they consider themselves Muslims while they are forced to sign a declaration, on applying for citizenship, according to which they are non-Muslim. This was introduced in the constitution in 1974 when Zulfikar Ali Bhutto declared them non-Muslim.

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It is pathetic that alternative voices for the freedom of expression have been curtailed while those who promote murder of others are given a free-hand, so that they could effectively propagate their mission of persecution of religious minorities. This goes against the resolve of the state to put to end religious extremism in the country. Leave alone uprooting such acts, these are not even discouraged. Police is notorious for arresting Ahmadis for petty crimes and inflicting torture on them on behest of mullas.

Zeba Hashmi in the daily Mashriq, Lahore; April 22, 2015

Op-ed: Suicide attackers in the law of cyber crime

I narrate here Article 31(of draft Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2015):

(1) The Authority or any officer authorized by it in this behalf may direct any service provider, to remove any intelligence or block access to such intelligence, if it considers it necessary in the interest of the glory of Islam or the integrity, security or defence of Pakistan or any part thereof, friendly relations with foreign states, public order, decency or morality, or in relation to contempt of court, commission of or incitement to an offence.

(2) The Federal Government may prescribe rules for adoption of standards and procedure by the Authority to monitor and block access and entertain complaints under this section. Until such procedures and standards are prescribed, the Authority shall monitor and block intelligence in accordance with the directions issued by the Federal Government.

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My experience of civil servants shows that they are very conservative and there is also the likelihood of them being Taliban-sympathizers. Armed with legal powers, such officials could severely damage the prospect of progress and freedom of thought in Pakistan. Especially, if they themselves assume the role of guardians of religion and custodians of ethics, and decide on what the glory of Islam or such other matters entail. In one of my previous writings I complained that Al-Qaida had occupied the PTA because many independent and liberal websites have been banned while extremists are allowed complete freedom to run their hate-spreading websites. Many conservatives even believe that the thoughts of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and many Muslim philosophers were against the glory of Islam. These officials will cut the wings of free-thinking with unbridled power of the new law and will make Quid-e-Azam turn in his grave because he had dreamed of a free and progressive country free of bigotry and extremism.

Dr Haidar Shah in the daily Mashriq; April 20, 2015