

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan News Report November 2016

Another Ahmadi murdered for his faith in Karachi

Karachi; November 27, 2016: Mr Sajid Mahmud was shot dead in Karachi in Gulzar Hijri neighborhood. It is the third such murder since May this year. Ahmadiyya central office in Rabwah issued the following press release on this occasion.

Press Release

An Ahmadi, Sheikh Sajid Mahmud killed for his faith outside his home.

Third target-killing in this area this year: Spokesman

Chenab Nagar (PR): Unidentified persons target-killed Sheikh Sajid Mahmud, an Ahmadi, for his faith on 22 November in Gulshan Kaniz Fatima, Gulzar Hijri, Karachi. He was 55.

Sheikh Mahmud had a business of spare parts for flour mills. He came out in the evening, after the Maghreb prayer to board his car when 4 persons on two motor cycles, waiting outside for him, opened fire. One bullet hit him from the right in his ribs and came out from his left. Another bullet hit him in the leg. He was rushed to a hospital but he died before the doctors attended to him. His dead body is being taken to Rabwah for burial.

Sheikh Mahmud had no personal vendetta with anybody. He was killed only for being an Ahmadi. This year he is the third Ahmadi killed for his faith in Gulzar Hijri. Earlier, Mr. Daud Ahmad was murdered in this neighborhood on May 25, 2016 and Chaudhry Khaleeq Ahmad on June 20, 2016.

Mr. Saleemuddin, the spokesman of Jamaat Ahmadiyya strongly condemned this brutal murder. "Murder of a third Ahmadi within a year in this neighborhood is indicative of planned action against Ahmadis," he said. A hate campaign goes on against Ahmadis in Pakistan including Karachi, and Ahmadis are being targeted. He expressed the concern that as per National Action Plan, hate speech and hate propaganda were to be disallowed but it is regretted that violence and boycott are preached against Ahmadis, and authorities let this pass. The spokesman demanded that the murderers of the victim be arrested without delay and those committing crimes against Ahmadis be brought to justice. "Peace-loving patriotic Ahmadis should be provided protection," he said.

It is relevant to add that Mr Mahmud was a very decent person and very mild in character. He has left behind a widow, a grown up son and daughter.

It is surprising that law enforcing authorities have not been able to identify the murderous gang who do not hide their identity nor their sectarian hate towards Ahmadis in the name of End of Prophethood.

Expulsion of Ahmadi children from school

Attock: Ahmadis of Attock in northern Punjab have been targeted in the recent past in many ways. Two Ahmadis were killed there for their faith. Two Ahmadi lecturers were fired from their jobs in a college. The latest enormity is expulsion of two Ahmadi children from their school. One, Muhammad Ibtisam was in the Prep class while his brother Basal Ahmad was a student of class III in Sir Syed Public School. The principal issued the orders on October 15, 2016.

Sir Syed was a great Muslim educationist in India in the 19th century; he established esteemed Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College in Aligarh in 1875. He would have surely disapproved of the action perpetrated by the principal of a school carrying his name.

Severe harassment in Quetta

Quetta; October 2016: Sectarian agitation against Ahmadis is rife in Quetta for some time, in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat. The activists target individual Ahmadis and make life difficult for them.

For example, one such victim is Mr. Ejaz Ahmad Qamar. He is a motor-cycle mechanic. A Khatme Nabuwwat delegation visited him at his workshop and questioned him on religious issues. They named his children, sisters and brothers in a threatening way.

Earlier Mr Qamar had to shift his workshop for the same reason. This time the mischief-mongers called on him, in company with media and press. They behaved as a gang of toughs and told him, "If you do not listen to us, and do not recant, you'll be yourself responsible for the consequences. Another group will then visit you and teach you a lesson." These people indicated that they had full data of Mr Qamar's family.

Mr Qamar is very upset, naturally.

A number of Ahmadis have been killed for their faith in Quetta, after the promulgation of anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX.

And this is happening in Quetta where authorities should be very mindful of sectarian strife – many citizens have suffered at the hands of religious terrorists who murder in the name of Allah.

Sharjeel Mir of Rawalpindi – again on the prowl

Rawalpindi; October 23, 2016: Sharjeel Mir is the local miscreant who prevailed upon the Rawalpindi administration and police to stop the worship of Ahmadis in their centre Evan-e-Tauhid. Not content with that mischief, he now strives for more restrictions on Ahmadis' freedom of religion.

Ahmadis held a seminar in Evan-i-Tauhid on October 23, 2016 at 10.a.m. Approximately 300 participated. Mir arrived at the scene and had a word with the policemen and the ASI on duty.

The Ahmadi president told the police ASI that the administration had placed no restriction on Ahmadis except on their Friday worship in this centre.

Later the police SHO came to the venue and conveyed that he had received a complaint from Mir over the Ahmadiyya 'unlawful' assembly in the Evan-i-Tauhid. He was informed by Ahmadi elders that there were no restrictions on them for such purpose. The SHO stated that he was fresh in his appointment there.

The seminar continued, and at the end the participants departed quietly ensuring that no one was inconvenienced or disturbed.

Wrongful accusation

Rawalpindi; October 24, 2016: Mr Sultan Ahmad, Ahmadi has faced great deal of opposition, even animosity from anti-Ahmadi elements. Two years ago a few mullas and miscreants attempted forced erasure of *Kalima* and *Bismilla* from his shop. The issue became perilous. Among his antagonists was a nasty neighbor.

This neighbor had a wrangle with one of his relations. He inflicted an injury on his throat (perhaps himself) and reported to the police to get an FIR registered. In the FIR he listed the accused, and for good measure, included the name of Mr Farhan Ahmad, son of Mr Sultan Ahmad in the list. This was plain fabrication.

Mr. Sultan Ahmad and his family had to shift residence to remain safe from the evil doings of their opponents.

Another outrage in Quetta

Quetta; October 21, 2016: Fanatics of Khatme Nabuwwat organization are breaking new grounds in anti-Ahmadi activism. Mr Muhammad Akram had a very unpleasant visit from them.

Akram was seated in a restaurant when a few men who had come on an official vehicle approached him and told him that he had been sent for by Mir Nematullah Zehri, a local dignitary. They took him first to Zehri House, then to an office on the Arts School Road. There a few armed mullas were seated.

One of the mullas asked Akram what made him join the Ahmadi community. Having heard the answer, the mullas told him that by joining Ahmadiyya, one becomes an apostate, a *kafir*, and his marriage bond (*Nikah*) becomes void, etc. Thereafter the mullas harassed him greatly and told him to recant.

They took him to a mosque where a senior mulla Qari Abdullah Munir of Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat told him to sign an affidavit with text that condemned the founder of Ahmadiyyat. "At this occasion, armed gunmen were present who moved around as if they would kill me if I refused to sign on the dotted line," told Mr Akram to his Ahmadi friends. "I did not sign voluntarily; I am an Ahmadi, by the grace of Allah," says Akram.

Anti-Ahmadi rally in District Hafizabad

Kot Shah Alam; November 6, 2016: Opponents held a Khatme Nabuwwat rally here. Five Ahmadi families reside in this village. They informed the police and the security office about the program.

The mullas were perhaps not told by the authorities to restrain themselves. They used hostile and provocative language against the Ahmadiyya community.

Most of the participants were transported to the venue from other villages. Almost 400 assembled. Fortunately, they did not indulge in violence. They were however groomed for another day.

Anti-Ahmadi rally under the cover of 'Strengthening of Pakistan' (Istehkam)

Jauharabad; November 1, 2017: Religious zealots have adopted the policy of naming their rallies and conferences with patriotic and pious titles, and then haranguing the audience with a different self-serving agenda.

This was undertaken by the management of Madrassah Kashif ul Uloom (Deobandi) of New Satellite Town, Jauharabad, District Khushab. The rally was called, "Nifaz Shariat, Istehkam e Pakistan, Tahaffuz Harmain Sharif Conference." It can be translated as: Application of Sharia, Strengthening of Pakistan, Safeguarding the Holy Sites Conference.

Maulvi Ajmal Qadri, mulla Mumtaz Kalyar, Irfan Barq, Abdur Rauf, Abdul Latif etc addressed the audience. They all spoke against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, and incited the audience greatly.

Note: It is this sort of unbridled hate campaign that eventually surfaces in the form of murder, assault, loot, arson, kidnapping, violence etc. Whither National Action Plan!

Reports from District Gujranwala

District Gujranwala; November 2016

1. A two-day 'Khatme Nabuwwat Course' was held in the city by the Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat on 5 and 6 November. The course was widely advertized through banners some of which contained anti-Ahmadi lines. The mullas incited the participants against Ahmadis in the classes.

2. Mr Muzaffar Ahmad Lodhi re-opened his welding shop, approximately six months after the anti-Ahmadi riots in Kachi Pump Wali. Four non-Ahmadi youth worked at his place; two of these were brothers. One of them reported later that his father had refused to accept his money for household expenses. As for reason, he stated that his father told him that the money had come from a 'Mirzai' source, so it was *Haraam* (illicit). The youth stopped working with Mr Lodhi and told the clients to stop dealing with him. He also agitated businessmen in the bazaar. As a result, Mr Lodhi's workshop is hardly functioning.
3. Mr Munib Ahmad has a business of selling bed sheets in the same area. The local shopkeepers act unfriendly towards him in different ways. Someone stole Rs 30,000 from his shop sometimes back. Once they beat him up as well. The locals have implemented a total boycott against him. They tell him that he is a *Kafir* and should recite the *Kalima* (that he does, anyway). Mr. Ahmad's situation is stressful.

Glass ceiling in upward career progress

Lahore; November 28, 2016: The daily *Ausaf* published an op-ed titled: Unholy campaign against a senior general. The writer N. M. Hashmi wrote his comment over an issue, whereby prior to the appointment of the new CJCS and COAS, a mulla Sajid Mir, leader of the Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith issued a statement about a senior general that he belongs to the 'Qadiani' community.

Here we translate an extract from that op-ed as that is relevant to H.R. and Equality before the Law, in the Ahmadiyya context:

"... As per Report, senior military sources have conveyed that it is now an unwritten policy that no person of Qadiani Community can ever become a lieutenant general ... because, on this issue, on account of its sensitive perception in public, various checks have been put in place. For any training or joining a course, almost every year, a Muslim officer is required to fill in a form wherein he has to clearly convey that he has firm faith in the finality of prophethood (PBUH) and is not a member of Qadiani Community..."

Naveed Masud Hashmi in the daily Ausaf, November 28, 2016

The above statement and Report is indicative of the unbecoming discrimination and prejudice against Ahmadi officers at a high level in one of the most prestigious institutions of Pakistani state. These restrictions were placed on Ahmadis in the harmful days of Mr. Bhutto and dictator Zia regimes, and no government since then has bothered to remove them, even though these are in violation of Pakistan Constitution, law and the international covenants to which Pakistan is a party.

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 Sheikhpura 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 acceptance of his bail, but subsequently shirked from signing his decision. Thereafter a 2-member bench of LHC refused the bail, and ordered that clause 8-W ATA be added to his charge sheet and the case be tried in an Anti-terrorism court. He remains

in prison. Supreme Court did not grant him the bail either. He is being prosecuted in an Anti-terrorism court whose judge has approved that more serious clauses of the Blasphemy law, PPC 295-C and 295-B be added to his charge sheet. These respectively prescribe penalties of death and imprisonment for life.

3. Mr. Qamar Ahmad was charged under PPC 295-B for alleged desecration of the Holy Quran in Jhelum, and was arrested on November 20, 2015. Religious bigots attacked the Ahmadi-owned factory and Ahmadis' houses after his arrest and set them on fire after looting the valuables. Those who attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque have been granted bail, but not Mr. Ahmad.
4. Officials of Punjab's Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) accompanied by a contingent of the Elite Force raided Shakoor Bhai's book shop, arrested him and Mr. Mazhar Abbas the shop assistant, a Shia, on December 2, 2015. A speedy trial in an Anti-terrorism court dispensed 5 years' imprisonment to each of the two accused, while octogenarian Mr. Shakoor was sentenced in addition to three years' imprisonment under the anti-Ahmadiyya law.

From the media

DSP, Ahmadi man shot dead in Karachi

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2016

Qadiani centers are bases (adday) of RAW. Authorities should inspect these: Allama Yunus Hasan

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 8, 2016

Qadianis should be declared rebels of Pak Constitution: Maulana Abdul Hafeez Makki

The daily Islam; Lahore, November 15, 2016

Qadianis are rebels and traitors to Islam and are agents of anti-Pakistan powers. Aalami Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 23, 2016

We shall not rest till we make Chenab Nagar the center of Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood): Qari Rafiq Wajhwi

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, November 23, 2016

52 killed in suicide attack on Balochistan shrine

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 13, 2016

War against terrorists cost Pakistan 118 Bn dollars: State Bank

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 19, 2016

Four cleared of distributing pro-militant printed material (in Peshawar). CTD claimed the accused belonged to Daesh.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 15, 2016

Maulana Abdul Hafeez Makki arrives at Lahore (Airport)

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, November 11, 2016

Six ASWJ men shot dead

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

Jihad is now mandatory; we'll bash up the eye that looks 'maliciously' at Harmain. We'll defend Makka and Madina with shrouds around our heads. New alignments in world politics should be noted: Hafiz Saeed

Foreign powers are themselves involved in terrorism: Sami-ul-Haq, Hafiz Abdur Rehman Makki, Ajmal Wazir, Fazl ur Rehman Khalil address Tahaffuz Harmain Sharifain Conference in Islamabad.

The daily Express; Lahore, November 21, 2016

Crusaders and Jews intend initiating war against Islam; the Ummah should unite: Tahaffuz Harmain Sharifain Conference (Hafiz Saeed, Abdur Rahman Makki, Fazl ur Rahman Khalil, Ibtisam Ilahi Zaheer etc addressed the rally)

The daily Jang; Lahore, November 14, 2016

Zakir Naik's NGO banned for five years (in India)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 16, 2016

It is essential that people are liberated from religious feudals

Most of the Khanqahs have been rented out (Neelam)

Religious feudal lords occupying Darbars, Khanqahs, seminaries are proving hurtful for Islam.

So-called liberals have mounted an offensive against Islam; we too are guardians of the ideological borders: Mufti Muneebur Rahman

The daily Insaaf; Lahore, November 21, 2016

He (Pir Mehr Golarwi) eliminated the mischief of Qadianiyyat: Allama Samiul Haque Golarvi

The daily The Nation; Lahore, November 23, 2016

Those who deny that Hazrat Isa is alive, have nothing to do with Islam (Islam se koi taellaq nahin): Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 29, 2016

Societies sans justice destroy themselves. We have to practice transparency. Justice is not to be sought in courts only; we have to adopt it in our daily lives: Syed Mansur Ali Shah, Chief Justice of Lahore High Court

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 29, 2016

**Trump triumph jolts US, baffles world
Clinton leads in popular vote**

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2016

Germany launches raids on 190 mosques, flats

The daily The Nation; Lahore, November 16, 2016

Daesh: 60 killed by Daesh; 40 hanged on lamp-posts

The daily Express; Lahore, November 12, 2016

Mosques (in US) get threatening letters

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2016

**Suicide attack leaves 100 dead in Iraq
IS claims responsibility for the assault**

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2016

India shelling on LOC claims lives of 7 troops

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 15, 2016

Over 30 die in IS attack on Kabul's Shia mosque

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 22, 2016

Dutch parliament votes to ban burqas, niqabs

Israel: Azan forbidden on loudspeakers; law based on prejudice approved

The daily The Nation; Lahore, November 30, 2016

Maulana Masood Azhar and Hafiz Saeed's lives in danger: Rana Sanaullah

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 5, 2016

No review of three textbooks for fear of religious parties (in KPK)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 13, 2016

**5 years' imprisonment for forced conversion. Change of religion a crime for under 18.
The facilitators will also be imprisoned.**

Adults will be given 21 days to deliberate.

Disputed bill is passed by Sindh Assembly.

The daily Islam; Lahore, November 25, 2016

Five given death over (Christian) couple lynching

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 24, 2016

Gen Zubair (Mahmood Hayat) new CJCSC

Gen (Qamar Javed) Bajwa army chief

The daily The News; Lahore, November 27, 2016

O Allah: We seek Thy protection from the evil (fitna) of Dajjal: Haji Abdul Wahab (of Tablighi Jamaat)

The daily Insaaf; Lahore, November 7, 2016

Police inspector arrested for kidnapping fish trader Ameer Husain and demanding a ransom

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 29, 2016

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Khalifatul Masih V said in a keynote address at a special reception held to mark the inauguration of the Mahmood Mosque in Regina, Canada:

Our Jihad is not a Jihad of swords, guns or bombs. Our Jihad is not a Jihad of cruelty, brutality and injustice; our Jihad is of love, mercy and compassion. Our Jihad is of tolerance, justice and human sympathy. Our Jihad is to fulfill the rights of God Almighty and of His creation.

<http://www.pressahmadiyya.com/2016/11/our-jihad-is-of-love-mercy-and-mercy.html>

Op-ed: Unholy campaign against a senior general

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