

## **Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan News Report August 2017**

### **UN demands on Pakistan, and Mottahida Khatme Nabuwwat Movement's response**

*Lahore; 7 August 2017:* The daily Insaf published a story filed by its correspondent reporting the recent proceedings of a UN Human Rights Committee, its demands on Pakistan's religious and anti-Ahmadi laws, political mainstreaming of Ahmadis, and the reaction and comment of a Khatme Nabuwwat leader on the UN Report. English translation of the Insaf report is placed below:

#### **Separate voters' list for Qadianis should be abolished: United Nations**

***Laws on Blasphemy, Qisas and Diyat should be repealed; homosexuality should be encouraged (sic).***

Chenab Nagar (correspondent): Religious parties have rejected the findings of the United Nations Committee on Human Rights and its demand on Pakistan government to remove the Islamic laws from the Constitution. They have stated that these days no foreign power has the right to intervene in internal political and religious affairs of Pakistan. The convener of the Liaison Committee of the Mottahida Khatme Nabuwwat Movement Pakistan, Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema, stated in his response that in the sessions of the HR Committee of the United Nations held on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> July and then on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July, Pakistan was discussed and the demands were made on the Pakistani government to encourage homosexuality, and repeal the laws on Blasphemy, Qisas and Diyat. He said that the 84-page report of the UN HR Committee is an indictment of Pakistani laws. The committee requires Pakistan to report within a year the progress of implementation on this report. The Committee has given a deadline that the above-mentioned clauses should be removed or revised from the Constitution of Pakistan by 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020. He further observed that the decline of the western civilization is so significant that it dictates homosexuality to Muslims. He said that the Committee has expressed most of its reservations on the issue of the Blasphemy law. The influence of the Qadiani lobby is obvious as the demand for doing away with separate voters' list for the Qadianis is repeatedly mentioned in their Report. While severely criticizing PPCs 295 and 298 of the constitution (sic) their immediate repeal is demanded, and if their repeal was not possible, changes should be made to them at the earliest to render them ineffective. In addition, the committee has suggested punishment for anyone who reports any painful incident of Blasphemy and for a complainant of such an FIR. According to him the HR Committee has demanded that the syllabi in educational institutes should be looked into afresh and all texts regarding religious beliefs and Islamic practices should be removed. Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema was of the view that the Muslims believe in preaching and cannot tolerate defiling the person of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) the mercy for all mankind. He urged the government to set aside the issue of Panama leaks, defend the Islamic law undisputed over 1400 years, and formally reject the report and recommendations of the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations. He urged all the leaders of different sects as also leaders of political parties to confront and resist these demands.

### **Follow-up report from District Khushab – Mr. Inamullah Khan Case**

*Chak 2 TDA, District Khushab; August 16, 2017:* Last month we filed a report on Mr. Inamullah Khan, Ahmadi, who faced harassment and persecution in the area. This has continued uninterrupted.

On August 13, his neighbors held a reception-cum-rally to celebrate the birthday of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). They availed this occasion to insult the founder of the Ahmadiyya Community and to bad-mouth his followers. The participants were exhorted against local

Ahmadis by assertion that the latter were blasphemers and *wajib ul qatl* (must be killed); they should be boycotted and prosecuted if they indulge in Islamic practices.

Three days later, Mr. Inamullah was sent a post with the following message (excerpt): “Qadianis are apostates and blasphemers and as such *wajib ul qatl*. They continue to harm Islam and the Muslims. You, in particular, have spread great filth in this area and are busy in spreading Qadianism. We have all the information on those whom you trapped through deceit and inducement. It is in your interest to stop all this nonsense. Repent and join Islam, otherwise.... If you act clever, you will be yourself responsible for the harm that will come to you.

“Long live – End of Prophethood. From a lover of the Prophet.”

Mr. Inamullah informed the authorities of this post, in writing.

### **Welcoming alleged blasphemy and mischief**

*Shaukatabad, District Nankana:* Mr. Muhammad Ishaque, Ahmadi, bought a house here sometimes ago. Outside there was a drain line with a slab on it, put there by the erstwhile owner. The slab was still there.

Recently, Mr. Ishaque had the slab lifted in order to raise the drain line. It was discovered that on the underside of the slab Arabic words *Bismillah*, *Allah* and *Muhammad* were written. This caused concern and the news spread like wildfire.

The mulla of the local mosque arrived fast and photographed the slab. A few decent men from the locality had the photos deleted and the slab broken up to be buried. This cooled down the situation to some extent.

Mischief-mongers are still pursuing the incident hoping to make some unworthy gains.

### **A typical criminal case under anti-Ahmadiyya law and its classic follow-up**

*Lahore; March – August 2017:* On March 13, 2017 two Ahmadis in Lahore, Mr. Amjad Iqbal Saloni and Mr. Ikram Ilahi allegedly violated anti-Ahmadiyya law by defending the Ahmadiyya position to some non-Ahmadis. A mulla Hasan Muaviya who is a younger brother of Maulana Tahir Ashrafi, the well-known cleric close to the official circles in Islamabad, is a full time anti-Ahmadi activist; he made sure that the police registered a case against the two Ahmadis, although they were reluctant to do that. In fact, Muaviya obtained the help of a court to get the FIR registered.

The police registered the case not only under a clause of the anti-Ahmadiyya law, PPC 298-C, but also under a blasphemy law PPC 295-A that may be tried in an anti-terrorism court, and is punishable with 10-year imprisonment.

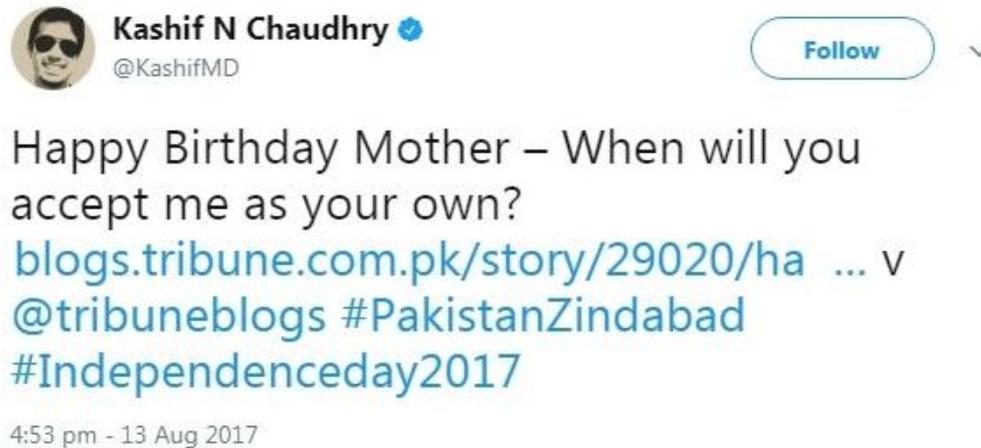
The accused were arrested, and the case ended up in an anti-terrorism court. The ATA judge gave the opinion that anti-terrorism clauses were not applicable in the case and it should be taken to a normal court.

In the meantime, the accused applied to the Lahore High Court for release on bail. On July 11, LHC sent the case back to a magistrate for routine handling. The magistrate sent the case to the civil judge. After a few court appearances the civil judge sent the case to the Additional Sessions Judge. The ASJ Mr. Khizr Hayat Minhas heard the case on 19 August 2017, and refused the plea for bail in the first hearing.

The Ahmadi accused, denied the basic and essential relief, now await trial for allegedly defending their community position in the presence of ill-wishers. Ahmadis wonder how to defend themselves against repeated accusations in vernacular gutter rags that Ahmadis are the greatest enemies of Pakistan and Islam.

### **An Ahmadi's call to mother(land)**

*On Twitter; August 13, 2017:* Mr. Kashif N Chaudhry is an Ahmadi from Pakistan. He is perhaps residing abroad now. On August 14, 2017 Pakistan was celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a memorable event. Mr. Chaudhry moved by the import and gravity of the occasion felt touched to the core and tweeted the following loaded message:



Mr. Chaudhry represented hundreds of thousands of Pakistani Ahmadis, living abroad or inside the country, in posing the above emotive question to his fellow Pakistanis. It has been like that for over 40 years – a long time.

### **Blasphemy accused acquitted honorably – after 21 months in prison**

*Jhelum; August 31, 2017:* Mr. Qamar Ahmad Tahir, Ahmadi was booked and arrested for alleged blasphemy under PPC 295-B on November 20, 2015. At that occasion a rioting mob set fire to a chip-board factory owned by an Ahmadi in Jhelum. They looted the homes of Ahmadi families and made them flee for safety. The next day they committed arson against the local Ahmadiyya mosque.

Mr. Tahir was shifted to Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi where his trial was held inside the jail precinct for security reasons. Judge Liaqat Ali Ranjha sentenced him to imprisonment for life.

He appealed against the sentence to the High Court. Judge Abaid ur Rahman Lodhi heard the appeal and acquitted him on August 29.

Mr. Qamar Ahmad Tahir was released after having spent one year, nine months and eleven days in prison for a crime he did not commit, nor would he ever contemplate committing.

### **JUI (S) takes pre-emptive action to keep Pakistan Islamist**

*Islamabad; August 21, 2017:* Maulvi Sami ul Haq of madrassah Akora Khattak issued an invitation for an All Parties Conference to be held in an Islamabad hotel to deliberate upon the likelihood of repeal or amendment to various so-called Islamic provisions of the Constitution and the law.

As per his invitation letter, "After the disqualification of the former Prime Minister, Art. 62 and 63 of the Constitution are under discussion and various quarters are taking interest in their repeal. It is not a question of only two articles; fifteen years efforts, 1970 - 1985, have gone into making the Constitution Islamic. These amendments are not acceptable to the Western, Jewish and Qadiani

lobbies, as also to the liberal and secular sections of the country. They would like to open the door of amendments to important clauses like the Blasphemy law, Anti-Qadiani laws, Haddood Ordinance, shifting of the Objectives Resolution in the Constitution proper from its preamble, Separate Electorates, Sharia Court, CII's clear directions to undo 'interest', and limiting the powers of the Supreme Court and other courts in corruption cases, etc....”

Maulana Sami-ul-Haq called the meeting of leading figures of all political and religious parties and groups at 14:30 on August 28, 2017.

It is relevant to mention that this cleric heads the madrassah in Akora Khattak, which was granted Rs 300 million as aid by the KPK government of Imran Khan's PTI, not long ago.

**Update:** The meeting was held on August 28, as planned. As per press report a number of religious parties' representatives attended – Sh Rashid Ahmad of Lal Haveli was there as well. Jamaat Islami's Siraj ul Haq also addressed the meeting. International political situation relevant to Pakistan–Afghanistan was discussed at par with the agenda for which the meeting was called.

### **Religious freedom under attack in Pakistan: Secretary Tillerson US report highlights attacks on Muslims by cow-protection groups in India**

**Washington:** US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson alleged on Wednesday that religious freedom was under attack in Pakistan, where more than two dozen people were on death row or serving a life imprisonment for blasphemy.

He said the Pakistan government had marginalized the Ahmadiyya Community and refused to recognize them as Muslims....

*By Dawn correspondent in the daily Dawn of August 17, 2017*

### **Update on major atrocities of 2016**

1. **CTD raid on Ahmadiyya offices on December 5, 2016.** The fake police case registered after the raid was not withdrawn; instead the authorities took it to an Anti-terrorism court. Mr. Sabah ul Zafar and Mr. Idrees Ahmad were denied release on bail. The ATC judge announced three years' imprisonment for each of them. An appeal against the verdict lies with Lahore High Court.
2. **Mob attack on Ahmadiyya mosque in District Chakwal.** The mosque remains locked by the authorities. Ahmadis have no place for worship for months. On demand of the riot leadership, a separate police case was registered against Ahmadis, on orders of a court. Four Ahmadis remain in prison. Sixty rioters out of the 67 detained have been released on bail by courts. A plea for bail of Ahmadis awaits hearing at the Lahore High Court.
3. **Ban on Ahmadiyya publications and periodicals.** The Punjab government issued numerous such notifications early last year. It did that on illegitimate recommendations of the Muttahidah Ulama Board that were in stark violation of the Constitutional guarantees, and the international instruments signed by Pakistan. None of these notifications has been yet withdrawn.

### **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 under trial in prison. They were refused bail by the Supreme Court.
2. 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. He appealed against the verdict and has sought release on bail from the Lahore High Court which has not spared time for almost a year to hear his plea.
  3. An armed police contingent of the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) carried out a raid on Ahmadiyya central offices and Zia-ul-Islam Press on December 5, 2016 and arrested four Ahmadiyya officials; Mr. Amir Faheem; Mr. Sabah ul Zafar; Mr. Zahid Majeed Mahmud and Mr. Idrees Ahmad. Mr. Sabah ul Zafar and Mr. Idrees Ahmad remained behind bars as bail was not granted to them. The judge announced three years' imprisonment to both of them. An appeal against the judgment awaits hearing at the Lahore High Court.
  4. A violent mob deviated from the authorized route, to attack an Ahmadiyya mosque in Dulmial on December 12, 2016. Forewarned Ahmadis assembled inside their mosque to defend it. In the ensuing riot two persons, an Ahmadi and a non-Ahmadi, died. The police made arrests from both sides, attackers as also defenders. Among the latter, they arrested 4 Ahmadis namely Malik Riaz Ahmad, Mr. Muhammad Ansar, Malik Khurram Abrar and Mr. Naveed Ahmad. The FIR applies numerous clauses of PPC including 302 (for murder) and 7-ATA from the Anti-terrorism Act. A separate case has also been registered against Ahmadis, on orders of a judge. Sixty rioters out of the 67 detained have been released on bail by courts. None of the four Ahmadis accused has been granted bail.
  5. Two Ahmadis, Mr. Amjad Iqbal Salooni and Mr. Ikram Ilahi were charged under PPC 295-A and the anti-Ahmadiyya 298-C. They were accused of preaching their faith. They were arrested on March 15, 2017. A judge added terrorism clauses to the case and sent it to an Anti-terrorism court. Their pleas for bail were rejected. Now these await hearing in a higher court. The ATA judge observed that terrorism clauses were not applicable in this case. They remain behind bars awaiting trial.

### **From the media**

**Chenab Nagar (Rabwah): 30<sup>th</sup> International Khatme Nabuwat Conference to be held on 7 September 2017**

*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, August 3, 2017*

**IKNM Central Amir Dr Saeed Ahmad Inayatullah meets Raja Zafrul Haq (PML-N leader)**

*The daily Jinnah; Lahore, August 9, 2017*

**Qadianis are busy in conspiracies against Islam and the beloved country while residing here**

*The daily Islam; Lahore, August 1, 2017*

**After his resignation Dr Salam was Science Advisor to the state of Israel till death, and he stole Pakistan's atomic secrets and passed them on to imperialists. Op-ed**

*The daily Islam; Lahore, August 11, 2017*

**Arrests of Qadianis in Malaysia are welcome: (Mulla) Abdul Latif Cheema (Ahrar)**

*The daily Islam; Lahore, August 11, 2017*

- Qadianiyat is the most dangerous mischief (fitna) in the world: Mian Owais (of Ahrar)***  
*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, August 24, 2017*
- Qadiani lobby also active to repeal Articles 62 and 63: Maulana Ropari (Jamaat Ahle Hadith)**  
*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, August 11, 2017*
- Lahore track blast leaves 46 injured (2 killed)***  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 8, 2017*
- 8 soldiers among 15 martyred in Quetta blast**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 10, 2017*
- Major among four security men martyred in Dir blast***  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 10, 2017*
- More than 3000 policemen martyred in fighting the war on terrorism, including 700 in the Punjab**  
*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, August 4, 2017*
- False claimant to Prophecy murdered in Tando Adam***  
*The daily Jinnah; Lahore, August 13, 2017*
- The cursed Aasia should be dispensed deterrent punishment: Labbaik Ya Rasul ullah conference (in Multan)**  
*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, August 5, 2017*
- Two brothers from a madrassah kill a visiting member of Tablighi Jamaat in Chiniot***  
*(Note: Another one injured died 4 days later)*  
*The daily Express; Faisalabad, August 23, 2017*
- Call to include Quaid's August 11 speech in constitution**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2017*
- Do away with separate voters list for Ahmadis: UN***  
*The daily Insaf; Lahore, August 7, 2017*
- Religious freedom under attack in Pakistan: Tillerson**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 17, 2017*
- Indian villagers lynch two Muslims carrying cattle***  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 28, 2017*
- 10 (Islamists) get death sentence for plot to kill Hasina (the BD PM)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 8, 2017*
- Afghan Shias bury mosque attack dead as toll reaches 28***  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 27, 2017*
- Sikh guru Gurmeet Singh awarded 20 years' imprisonment for sexual assault on 2 women followers**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 29, 2017*
- Clashes claim 32 lives in India as court convicts guru of rape***  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 26, 2017*
- Trump accuses Pakistan, praises India**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 23, 2017*
- We shall turn Afghanistan into American graveyard: Afghan Taliban***  
*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 26, 2017*
- Iran sentences founder of mystical Shia 'cult' to death**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 28, 2017*
- US designates Hizbul Mujahideen as terrorist group***  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 17, 2017*
- 'Triple talaq' banned in India**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 23, 2017*

**13 dead as van rams crowd in Barcelona ‘terror attack’**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 18, 2017*

**N Korea warns of N-war as trump says US is ‘locked and loaded’**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 12, 2017*

**A dictator, now dead (Marhoom), pushed all state institutions to extremism: SC observation**

*The daily Express; Faisalabad, August 22, 2017*

**Banned Lashkar-e-Taiba charity arm to rebrand as Milli Muslim League political party**

*The weekly Newsweek; August 5, 2017*

**Status of federal minister conferred on Fazl (of JUI)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 27, 2017*

**Shahid Khaqan Abbasi elected 28<sup>th</sup> prime minister of Pakistan. Nawaz Sharif will be a prime minister again: (Abbasi’s) address**

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 2, 2017*

**Abbasi (PM) inducts five special assistants into cabinet. The total strength of the federal cabinet has now reached 58.**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 16, 2017*

**The decision had already been made: Nawaz Sharif. The reason was dug up later.**

*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 8, 2017*

**Sharif trashes SC order that sent him home**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 26, 2017*

**Vehicles in Sharif’s procession run over boy, retired soldier**

**(Other vehicles) ran over the child without stopping to check. Despite a large number of Rescue 1122 ambulances in the cavalcade, none of the vehicles stopped for the child.**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 12, 2017*

**Thief is gone, now it’s killer’s turn: Qadri (Tahirul)**

*The daily The News; Lahore, August 10, 2017*

**Nawaz Sharif refuses to appear before NAB**

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 19, 2017*

**Sharif vows to give country new constitution**

**Ousted PM seeks public support to bring about revolution**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 13, 2017*

**Ruling party trying to discredit judiciary, military: Imran (PTI)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2017*

**Asma lashes out at the powers that be**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 4, 2017*

**Govt breaks the bank for MNAs’ uplift schemes. Full Rs 30bn earmarked for parliamentarians’ areas released in one go;...**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 21, 2017*

**“Imran Khan: of bad character. A girl’s honour at risk”: Ms. Golalai MNA of Tehrik Insaf quits party.**

**Accusation is false; Imran always respects women; no need to hold an inquiry; she is angry over non-issue of a ticket: Tehrik Insaf**

*The daily Insaf; Lahore, August 2, 2017*

**Jamaat Islami invites Aisha Golalai to join the party. She has the potential to serve the country.**

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 4, 2017*

**PTI demands justice for Ayesha Ahad (of Hamza Shahbaz Sharif notoriety)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 6, 2017*

- Attack on security personnel in Harnai and Panjgur (in Baluchistan). 7 martyred.**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 15, 2017*
- It's time to wave goodbye to US aid: Shahbaz**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 26, 2017*
- Zardari acquitted in final corruption case**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 29, 2017*
- Sindh rejects Census figures; calls APC**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 26, 2017*
- MQM – London's 'hitman' arrested for 22 murders in Karachi**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 27, 2017*
- Police set up human rights cell desk in Vehari**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 17, 2017*
- Man who burnt himself at police station dies (in Jhang)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 29, 2017*
- Seven policemen kidnapped near Rajanpur (Punjab)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 21, 2017*
- Boy (motorcyclist) tortured by police dies in hospital (in Lahore)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 20, 2017*
- Police submit report on 'revenge rape' (ordered by Panchayat) to SC**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 2, 2017*
- Lawyers barge into court, shout slogans against LHC Chief**  
**Police do not intervene, saying that they want to avoid a clash with lawyers**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 3, 2017*
- Lawyers go on rampage in Lahore**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2017*
- School principal denied bail in (sexual) abuse, blackmail case**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 13, 2017*
- Six members of a family drown off Hawksbay**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 15, 2017*
- Expensive weapons missing from police store in Bahawalpur**  
*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 5, 2017*
- Karachi Metropolitan Corporation sacks 46 ghost employees**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 10, 2017*
- Dr. Ruth Pfau (German-born who worked for and with lepers in Pakistan) passes away. Widely condoled.**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2017*
- Country's population surges to nearly 208m. Sindh most urbanized province, with 52.02pc of people in cities.**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 26, 2017*
- Five year ban on opener Sharjeel in PSL spot-fixing case**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 31, 2017*