

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan News Report February 2014

Another Ahmadi murdered for his faith

Karachi; February 8, 2014: Mr. Raziud Din S/O Mr. Muhammad Hussain Mukhtar was shot dead by unidentified assailants at 2:30 p.m. in Orangi Town. He was 27 years old. He is survived by a widow, a daughter of two years and parents.

Mr. Din worked in a factory. He left for work at approximately 2:30 p.m. His wife and nephew were with him. He had not gone far when two men on motorcycles fired at him. One of the bullets hit his neck and damaged his windpipe. His nephew rushed home to inform others, while his wife took him to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. Despite best efforts of the doctors, he did not survive.



Mr. Saleemuddin, the spokesperson of Jama'at Ahmadiyya, expressed his grief at his killing. He said that last year seven Ahmadis had been killed on account of their faith, six of them in Karachi. He stated that in Orangi Town, three members of the Kiyani family were killed in sectarian attacks; Mr. Din was also related to the same family. He added that groups and organizations who associate themselves with Khatme Nubuwwat openly issue *fatwas* declaring Ahmadis 'deserving of death.' Moreover, opponents of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at regularly publish and distribute hate literature that incites people to boycott and even murder Ahmadis. However, authorities take no notice of this. As a result innocent Ahmadis continued to get killed. He urged the authorities to bring the perpetrators of these crimes to justice at the earliest.

Imprisonment under law specific to Ahmadis

Haveli Majoka, District Sargodha; February 10, 2014: Mr. Muhammad Qasim was sentenced by a magistrate to two years' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 30,000/- under Ahmadi-specific law PPC 298-C. He faced prosecution for almost three and half years.

Three Ahmadis of Haveli Majoka, Mr. Muhammad Qasim, Mr. Ahmad Yar and Mr. Mazahir Ahmad were booked on mullas' insistence in a fabricated case on October 24, 2010 for "committing blasphemy and preaching." The police found the evidence unconvincing, but mulla Toofani (Typhoon) demanded that charges be pressed. Mr. Ahmad Yar was 85 years old and of fragile health.

The accused applied for bail; however extremists thronged the court on every hearing. On November 15, 2010, a judge struck the dreaded blasphemy clause, released Mr. Ahmad Yar, but refused the bail for the other two accused, under PPC 298-C. The police arrested them. The state prosecutor opposed the grant of bail despite the fact that it was established in the court that the blasphemy accusation was frivolous and false.

In a subsequent appeal for bail, on the date of hearing, dozens of fanatics entered the court room to harass the judge. Twice they were expelled from the court room. At this the agitators shouted slogans against the judge. The agitators came to know that the judge was going to accept the bail, so scores of them forced entry in the court room, shouted insults at the judge and demanded that the bail be refused. At this the judge told his office that he was leaving for Sargodha where the decision papers be sent to him for signature. Thus the bail was granted and the accused were released from detention.

More than three years after the decision on bail, a magistrate in Sargodha sentenced Mr. Muhammad Qasim to two years' imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 30,000/-.

Mr. Qasim was arrested immediately. He moved a higher court against the magistrate's verdict, and requested for bail.

Mr. Mazahir Ahmad, under the circumstances, left the country in search of peace and a somewhat normal life.

A deadly attack on Ahmadi

Rahim Yar Khan; January 23, 2014: Mr. Abdul Ali S/O Ch. Abdul Majid has a business of bed-sheets here. A boycott of Mr. Ali is in place in the market, instigated by a nearby madrassa. There is a small cabin-shop of a Pathan in front of Mr. Ali's shop. The Pathan read out an anti-Ahmadiyya pamphlet to other fellows in the market. After this a mulla came to Mr. Ali's shop and told his assistant to stop working for Mr. Ali. After 10 more minutes two men came to his shop on a motorbike. One of them rushed into Mr. Ali's shop. He grabbed Mr. Ali and took out a dagger and told him to recite the *Kalima* otherwise he would slit his throat. He threw Mr. Ali on the ground and put the dagger on his throat. Mr. Ali resisted, stopped the dagger with his other hand and pushed the assailant away with the other. Having freed himself, he ran and entered the adjacent shop. The assailant tried to pursue him but could not succeed and fled away.

Mr. Ali was seriously injured. He was taken to the police station by his father and cousin. The SHO refused to register the case because the opponents had already submitted to him a certificate of mental illness of the assailant. This was a case of obvious police collaborating with a dangerous criminal.

The SHO called both the parties in the evening to the police station. The opponent party said that they would expel the assailant out of the city and Mr. Ali should not get a police case registered. Under the circumstances, Ahmadis decided not to push their complaint.

Rahim Yar Khan is located in the southern Punjab.

Minarets of two Ahmadiyya mosques razed by the police

Basti Baba Jhanda, Basti Baba Rahmat, District Rahim Yar Khan; February 14, 2014: Mullas held an anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Basti Baba Jhanda. Thereafter on February 18, 2014, 15 policemen came from the nearby police station and conveyed the orders of the DPO that the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosques in Basti Baba Jhanda and Basti Baba Rahmat be demolished. They did not listen to the pleas of local Ahmadis and demolished the minarets of both Ahmadiyya mosques.

This criminal act was committed by the police in clear violation of this country's law PPC 295 and PPC 153A.

If the authorities in Pakistan do not respect their own laws, why does the state expect the Taliban to respect the country's constitution and laws? A moot question.

Destruction of a *Kalima* plate by the police

Chak no. 109, Narain Garh, District Faisalabad; January 21, 2013: The police seem to have adopted an additional duty to remove Islamic inscriptions from Ahmadis' places of worships and houses; as if they have time to spare after ensuring law and order in the country.

An opponent of the Ahmadiyya community complained to the police that a *Kalima* plate was affixed on the outer wall of Mr. Abdul Rauf's residence. The police acted promptly and hammered down the tiles on which the *Kalima* was written. The policeman in uniform, who did that, was in tears and was vocal that his service made him undertake such (horrible) acts.

Violation of Freedom of Religion

Bhera, District Sargodha: The mullas and the authorities imposed here unlawful restrictions on Ahmadis, that were in violation of their freedom of religion.

Bhera is a historical town for Ahmadis as the first successor of their founder hailed from there, and his residence and mosque are still there. These buildings have grown old and Ahmadis proceeded to repair and update them. But the mullas intervened and agitated the issue maliciously and approached the authorities.

The police, responding to the protest, appointed a four-member committee to look into the case and propose a solution. Three of the four members of this committee comprised: 1. the Imam of the Jame Masjid, 2. The Amir Jamaat Islami 3. A mulla of the Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat.

The Committee, despite its unfair composition, could find no fair reason to object to the planned repair and renovation, and made recommendations accordingly.

However, a few mullas from district Sargodha who belonged to a Khatme Nabuwwat organization came over and strongly protested against the intended repairs. They demanded that minarets be demolished, the niche be closed, the repairs stopped and Ahmadis supervising the repairs be taken to task. This heightened the tension in the town.

In view of this extremist reaction, the Committee revised its recommendations, and proposed:

1. The internal niche should be closed down.
2. The high-rising wall should be restricted to only 5 feet height, etc.

Although these restrictions were unjustified and obstructive to Ahmadis' right to build their place of worship to meet their religious and security requirements, these were approved and implemented by the authorities who, rather than upholding the national law and constitutional rights of Ahmadis, upheld mullas' insistence on religious prejudice and bigotry.

Attacks in Layyah

Two reports have been received from District Layyah where four school-going boys were charged under the blasphemy law sometime back.

Chak no. 455 TDA; January 4, 2014: Someone added poison to the feed of the cattle of Mr. Naseem Bhatti, the president of the local Ahmadiyya community. As a result three precious cows died while rest of the animals became ill. This caused a big financial loss to Mr. Bhatti.

In another incident, four armed men jumped over the wall of Mr. Ataul Qadoos's house at 1 a.m. He is holding two portfolios in the local Ahmadiyya community. They harassed the family members of Mr. Qadoos. The children created hue and cry that forced the robbers to flee. Mr. Qadoos was injured in the incident.

These incidents were reported to the local police station. The police are of the opinion that anti-Ahmadiyya activists were involved.

Ahmadi lady teachers face severe harassment

Kanjroor, District Narowal; January 2014: Mrs. Sabahat Rasheed and Mrs. Misbah Rasheed are two Ahmadi teachers teaching in Government Primary School Sahari. A student asked the Ahmadi teacher, "Is it not permissible to say Salam to you?" It was discovered that Mr. Abid another teacher had told this corruption to the youngsters. The Ahmadi complained to the headmistress. The headmistress called Mr. Abid and asked him the reason. He denied the fact.

Thereafter, Mr. Abid told the story to the local mulla and incited him against the Ahmadi teachers. The mulla made it an issue; he created an uproar and announced in the mosque that Ahmadi teachers were *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed). The village-folk formed a procession and marched to the school. They raised slogans against the Ahmadi teachers and called them blasphemers and *Wajibul Qatl*.

The Ahmadiyya community moved to solve the issue with the help of the local MNA. He intervened and transferred two Ahmadi and two non-Ahmadi teachers to another school and sent the case for inquiry to the DCO office, Narowal. This calmed down the situation, for the time being.

End of Prophethood and election to local government councils

Lahore: Till a few weeks ago, elections to the local union councils were imminent, on orders of the apex court. The mullas however noted that the candidates' application forms in the Punjab did not distinguish between Muslims and non-Muslims and had no affidavit regarding faith in the 'end of prophethood.' They protested, and the Jamaat Islami, JUI(F) etc made it a big issue. The vernacular press spared plenty of space to report the protest of the bigots. As a result the Punjab government moved fast and issued urgent instructions to all Returning Officers to ensure that Muslim candidates were made to sign an affidavit regarding unconditional faith in the end of prophethood.

Now the relevant forms have been amended and a certification in the 'end of prophethood' is included, to be signed by any candidate who claims to be a Muslim. It is in Urdu; its official English translation is given below:

Affidavit required of a candidate for local government seat

I solemnly affirm that, I believe completely and unconditionally in the finality of Prophethood of the Khatamun Nabiyeen Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH), and that I am not a follower of any person who claims Prophethood after Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) on the basis of any interpretation of this word, neither I believe such a claimant to be a religious reformer or a prophet, nor I belong to Qadiani or Lahori group or call myself Ahmadi.

Signature of the candidate

Security situation in Lahore

Lahore: There is firm and reliable evidence that Ahmadiyya centers, place of worship etc are under serious terrorist threat. Suspicious men were seen doing the recce and were reported to the police.

The authorities have made it public that Lahore is targeted. Ahmadiyya locations are on their list and teams have been tasked by their sponsors to undertake attacks on them. Sleeper cells have been activated. Police have arrested some of these. Ammunition and weapons have been recovered from their possession.

Ahmadis, in Lahore, have implemented a sort of red alert in their places of worship and have taken special steps to improve the security of their persons and property.

Similar situation prevails in some areas of Karachi.

Sectarian temperature high in Multan

Multan; January, February 2014: Several anti-Ahmadiyya sectarian incidents have been reported from Multan. Three of these are mentioned below:

1. The mullas in the Ahle Hadith mosques spare five to ten minutes during every Friday sermon and speak abuse against the Ahmadiyya community to incite the audience against Ahmadis. This practice has been adopted by Deobandi mosques as well. Also 10 to 15 men stand at different focal points in the city, where they speak against the

Ahmadiyya community openly. Ahmadis feel targeted and insecure in these circumstances.

2. Ahmadiyya mosques in Multan have been circled red on the map of police stations on account of their vulnerability. However, the police are not active and helpful in providing security to Ahmadis in Multan. Some leaders of the local Ahmadiyya community are at risk. They have been advised extra caution by the Ahmadiyya headquarters.
3. Some miscreants tore down a few pages from the Holy Quran and threw them in front of the gate of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Gulgasht after the dawn prayers. Fortunately, the missionary noticed them and secured them appropriately. No one was there to notice. The plan could have caused a great mischief.

Disturbing reports from Lahore

Lahore has been hot-bed of anti-Ahmadiyya activities since the twin attacks on two Ahmadiyya mosques in Lahore in 2010 that resulted in the death of 86 Ahmadis. Fresh incidents are regular occurrence.

PAF Colony: Mr. Shafiq Azam lives here. The watchman of the area informed him that two suspicious men came and inquired about him, calling him ‘Insolent to the Prophet’. They were wrapped in sheets and were hiding rifles under them. “Where does he live,” they wanted to know. The watchman put them off.

North Cantt: Mr. Zeeshan Bashir is head of the local Ahmadiyya youth organisation. His neighbor is a mulla. One day when Bashir came out to go to his office, he saw the mulla waiting near his house. Bashir noted his presence with due suspicion and delayed his departure for office. He attempted the sortie again at 10:30 a.m. The mulla was not there. However, Bashir did not go far when he saw the mulla ahead waiting for him. The mulla started chasing him on a motorbike. Probably he wanted to see the work-place of Mr. Bashir. Mr. Bashir decided not to go to his office then, and returned home zigzagging through streets. The incident shows that the mulla and his sponsors have some vicious plan up their sleeves.

Construction of a community building interrupted by the police

Darul Nasr, Rabwah; February 4, 2014: It was reported last month that the police stopped the construction of an Ahmadiyya community building and sealed the place until further orders. Ahmadis talked to the administration and resumed the construction after a few days. The construction work was in progress when the police arrived again and stopped the work and took away the construction material with them.

The police acted in response to a mulla’s demand. Pak authorities insist on not learning from experience.

Flight in search of safety

Karachi: Life has become untenable for Ahmadis in Orangi Town of Karachi. A number of middle class Ahmadis had taken up residence there in private or rented houses. The anti-Ahmadi lobby targeted this neighborhood and target-killed a number of Ahmadis during the past two years. The killing spree goes on unabated. Although the sponsors of these attacks are well-known to authorities, they remain untouched by the police. As a result, Ahmadis had to quit this neighborhood. The exodus continues.

Anti-Ahmadi religious bigots hail mostly from the Khatme Nabuwwat faction and the banned Sipah Sahaba and Lashkare Jhangvi. These thugs openly harass and threaten Ahmadis.

These miscreants have adopted the policy of not letting Ahmadis sell or rent their properties. They tell them to simply leave; “We’ll take care of your property,” they bully. Recently, Ahmadis who were in the process of shifting were confronted with a blockade. Ranger had to be contacted to facilitate shifting house-hold items.

The administration should arrest these barefaced sectarian terrorists.

Religious provocation

Kot Abdul Malik, District Sheikhpura; January 25, 2014: An Ahmadi youth, Arshad Ahmad went to a barber shop. The barber had switched on anti-Ahmadiyya speeches on an amplifier in his shop. Mr. Ahmad asked him to stop that, but he did not do so. Mr. Ahmad stood up and was about to depart from his shop when the barber called him a bad name. Mr. Ahmad was angered, and slapped the insulter. Later, the family members of Mr. Ahmad intervened and defused the issue tactfully.

The next morning the barber gathered approximately 40-50 youth and came to the house of Mr. Ahmad. They shouted insults and raised slogans against the Ahmadiyya community. The procession dispersed when they did not find Mr. Ahmad at home. On their way back they stopped in front of the mobile-phones shop of Mr. Qamaruz Zia, another Ahmadi. They pulled him out of his shop and beat him up. They insulted the portrait of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community and used foul language against him. The police arrived at the scene and took Mr. Zia to the police station. The police later arranged ‘reconciliation’ between Mr. Zia and the mullas to avoid action against the miscreants.

The situation is tense in Kot Abdul Malik where the administration has a history of taking sides with extremist elements.

Extremists pursue an Ahmadi

Ghulshane Iqbal East; January 2014: Mr. Muhammad Saleem Ansari resides here. He had been receiving threatening phone calls and letters for the last one year. So, he sold his residence and moved into a rented house. The extremists haunted him there too. They told the landlord to expel ‘the Qadiani blasphemer’ from his house. Ansaris have three children. They moved their residence to Ghulshane Iqbal West in the face of these threats. The miscreants still pursue them. The family is very upset.

Ahmadi school principal in trouble

Raza Khail Bala, District Peshawar; February 13, 2014: The wife of Dr. Muhammad Iqbal is serving as a principal in a school. Some school children burnt a few papers while cooking something. Mistakenly they burnt some papers with Quranic verses on them. The local mullas came to know of this and created hue and cry. They demanded of the DSP to register a police case against the Ahmadi principal. She was on leave that day. The mullas still insisted that the police register a case against her. She has been advised not to attend the school for a few days.

Retired Judiciary active in anti-Ahmadi campaign

Lahore: Sectarian ulama of the International Khatme Nabuwat Movement (led by mulla Abdul Hafeez Makki of Saudi Arabia, and funded with petrodollars) held an anti-Ahmadi conference in Lahore on February 26, 2014. It was reported in the daily Khabrain and ‘Pakistan’ of February 29, 2014. A few observations and comments are made below based mostly on these two press reports.

This conference was attended and addressed, *inter alia*, by Chief Justice (Retired) Khawja Sharif of Lahore High Court and Justice (Retired) Khalid Mahmood. Following was stated or demanded in the conference:

- On no forum in the world, Ahmadis are considered Muslim.
- World (*Aalami*) courts have declared Ahmadis to be non-Muslims.
- Ahmadis should accept their ‘non-Muslim’ status so that their rights are protected like those of other religious minorities, otherwise they should be prosecuted on charge of treason.
- The federation should take the lead in protecting the honour of the End of Prophethood of the Holy Prophet (by initiating the demanded prosecution of Ahmadis).
- The government should cancel the allotment of residential land of Rabwah and allot the plots to individual occupants. (In fact this land was not allotted, but was sold to the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya sixty-six years ago. Ed.)
- In-depth study has revealed that Ahmadiyyat is the other name of fraud and lies.

Etc etc

The above statements are obvious violations of the national law PPC 153A: “Whoever,.... Promotes or incites ... disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities shall be punished with imprisonments, for a term which may extend to five years and with fine.”

The presence of these retired judges at such a gathering and their addresses therein where a crime was being committed is very difficult to comprehend. However, another retired judge of the same ilk Nazir Akhtar is on record to have once stated in public that, there is no need of any law to punish a man who is guilty of defiling the name of the Holy Prophet and anyone who commits blasphemy against the Prophet can be dispatched to hell. (*The daily Jang; Lahore of September 5, 1999*)

Mr. Rafiq Tarar was another judge of the Lahore High Court who deserves a mention at this juncture. He later became a senator and the president of Pakistan. He is known to have been a Khatme Nabuwat activist in his early career, a strong leaning he cherished through his later years. He wrote an article in the daily Nawa-i-Waqt of 27 January 1997 instigating his readers by words: “If any ‘important personage’ or persons attempt to juggle with the anti-Qadiani Ordinance, they would face millions of Muslims ready to lay down their lives for the defense of End of Prophethood.” He was a great admirer of General Zia.

It is not difficult to imagine the quality of justice Ahmadi accused received from such judges in superior courts in the past 40 years.

This conference was held in Evan-i-Iqbal, a building complex built and maintained at public expense.

The conference was presided over by mulla Abdul Hafeez Makki (from Saudi Arabia) and addressed by mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj (from Kuwait). Local mullas who also addressed the conference included Ilyas Chinioti, Amjad Khan, Amir Hamza, Zahid ur Rashidi, Iftikharulla Shakir etc. Some of these are routinely banned entry in other districts during the month of Muharram, to ensure that sectarian peace is not threatened.

These mullas from abroad were also taken to Chiniot and Rabwah and shown the seminary, the head office, the mosque etc (apparently to show that the oil-money was being well spent). At night, the guests were feted at a sumptuous dinner. It was stated in a similar conference in Chiniot that, “Qadianiat is a major cancer; the entire Ummah will have to make a joint effort to crush this mischief”. *The daily Paksitan, Lahore; February 27, 2014*

Last but not least, this Fatah Mubahila Conference was held to celebrate the claimed victory of mulla Manzoor Chinioti (the father of mulla Ilyas Chinioti) in a prayer-duel against

the Ahmadi Khalifa. In fact, the prayer duel never took place; it was not even scheduled by the parties.

Anti-Ahmadiyya rallies in District Mirpur Khas

Nafees Nagar; February 11, 2014: Mullas held an anti-Ahmadiyya conference here. Mullas Abdul Haleem Sarhindi Soomaro, Masood Ahmad Tahri of Hyderabad and Muhammad Qasim Samoon made hateful speeches against the Ahmadiyya community. Similarly a mulla Qasim Mamoon delivered a Friday Sermon and declared Ahmadis to be blasphemers.

An Eid Miladun Nabi conference was held in Government School Fazal Bhimbro by anti-Ahmadi clerics. It started after the evening prayers and lasted until 3 a.m. Approximately 500 participated in it. Mulla Masood Ahmad Tahri of Hyderabad, Niaz Ahmad Talhi, Abdul Rahman Kathiari and other mullas spoke filth against the Ahmadiyya community. They incited the audience against the Ahmadiyya community and declared Ahmadis *Wajibul Qatl*.

Ahmadiyya ... Caucus in the U.S. Congress

Washington, February 28, 2014: AFP reported that US lawmakers on Friday announced a caucus to fight for the rights of the Ahmadi minority, which has faced attacks in Pakistan and elsewhere in the Islamic world.

Republican Representative Frank Wolf, the co-chair with Democrat Jackie Speier said, "Ahmadiyya Muslim Caucus would press for the rights of Ahmadis in trouble in Pakistan, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and elsewhere."

From the media

Target-killing of Ahmadis in Karachi

27-year old Raziuddin murdered in Orangi Town

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 10, 2014

Sahiwal: Qadiani given 2 years' imprisonment and fine for preaching

The accused had preached to Sikandar Hayat the complainant and claimed to follow a true faith

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, February 12, 2014

Conspiracy to build Qadiani place of worship exposed in Chenab Nagar

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, February 9, 2014

Shakar Garh: Citizens protest over Qadiani preaching

EDO Education suspends two teachers on the spot and orders inquiry

The daily Din; Lahore, February 4, 2014

Chiniot: Qadianis buy land to preach under the cover of opening a school. Ulama protest.

The daily Khabrian; Lahore, February 8, 2014

Haroonabad: 7 Qadianis impressed by Islam decide to convert

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, February 18, 2014

Chenab Nagar: Residents upset over loot by court and revenue officials

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, February 20, 2014

Chenab Nagar: Only one teacher provided to teach 150 down and out children in government primary school

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, February 9, 2014

Qadianis should be punished for rebellion against the constitution and law. Maulana Ilyas Chinioti, Zahid ur Rashidi, Abdul Hafeez Makki address conference (in Chiniot)

The daily Express; Faisalabad, February 27, 2014

**Local telecom franchise in Chenab Nagar is a club of Qadiani goons
Qadianis should be expelled from Warid franchise; protest movement will be launched:
Khatme Nabuwwat organizations**

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, February 21, 2014

**The greatest danger to world peace is the Qadiani Mischief: (Mulla) Tahir Ashrafi
(Chairman Pakistan Ulama Council)**

The daily Aman; Faisalabad, February 27, 2014

**It is a victory for Islam that Qadianis all over the world are converting to Islam: (Mulla)
Shabbir Usmani (of KN)**

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, February 12, 2014

**Qadianis and Jews are responsible for the (present) state of the country: Mufti Nurul
Mujtaba Chishti**

The daily Din; Lahore, February 20, 2014

**Qadianiat is a huge mischief; it has spread its wings all over the world: Kafil Bokhari
(Ahrar)**

The daily Aman; Faisalabad, February 25, 2014

**Qadianis busy in spoiling country's image at all levels: Maulana Mehboob Ali
The govt should announce the Sharia penalty for apostasy (death) as recommended by
Islamic Ideology Council.**

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, February 17, 2014

Mohmand Taliban claim killing 23 FC (Frontier Constabulary) men

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 17, 2014

13 killed in Kohat bomb blast

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 24, 2014

Anti-Taliban activist killed with 7 relatives, guest

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 13, 2014

9 killed in Peshawar suicide hit

The daily The News; Lahore, February 5, 2014

Suicide bomber kills 4 women in Peshawar

The daily The News; Lahore, February 11, 2014

Terrorist attack on cinema in Peshawar; 16 dead, 25 injured

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 12, 2014

Twin blast in Peshawar cinema claim four lives

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 3, 2014

TTP bombs Karachi police bus; 13 killed

The daily The News; Lahore, February 14, 2014

5 killed in North Waziristan van attack

The daily The News; Lahore, February 17, 2014

Army major killed in clash with militants

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 19, 2014

Rashid (Fed Minister) questions decapitation of FC troops by TTP

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, February 20, 2014

313 deaths in 17 KP attacks since September 9 APC call for talks with Taliban

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 13, 2014

Air strikes target foreign militants in N Waziristan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 12, 2014

Taliban threaten Ismailis, Chitrali tribe

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 14, 2014

Nine killed in sectarian attacks (in Karachi)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 28, 2014

Loralai: Love-marriage couple stoned to death

The Maulvi who gave the edict arrested along with 5 colleagues

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, February 18, 2014

Impose Islamic Sharia forthwith and stop pro-US policies: Sunni Ittehad Council's letter to the Prime Minister

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, February 9, 2014

Samiul Haq and Maulana Abdul Aziz (of Lal Masjid) are the teachers of Taliban: Hafiz Hussain Ahmad

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 12, 2014

Taliban come up with 15 demands

The daily The News; Lahore, February 10, 2014

Barelvi groups form alliance against Taliban

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 27, 2014

Islamabad in the cross hairs of Al-Qaida, Lashkar Jhangvi and TTP: sensational disclosure of the Ministry of Interior

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, February 19, 2014

TTP names Imran, Maulana Aziz in its 5-man team

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 2, 2014

CJ calls for implementation of laws against terrorism, sectarianism

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 4, 2014

SC wants Ismailis, Kalash people protected

The daily The News; Lahore, February 21, 2014

(2013) Elections: Fraud in the entire country – Imran Khan

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 12, 2014

Dialogue: It is between Taliban and Taliban - Aitzaz Ahsan

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 12, 2014

TTP has 500 women suicide bombers: (mulla) Aziz (of Lal Masjid)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 12, 2014

Pull out the dogma of End of Prophethood and nothing will remain of the Quran and Islam: Int'l Majlis Khatme Nabuwat

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, February 25, 2014

TTP consider Orya and Ansar Abbasi to represent them (in talks)

The daily Express; Faisalabad, February 4, 2014

Saudis 'seek Pakistani arms for Syrian rebels'

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 24, 2014

Denmark: Muslims protest over restrictions on animal sacrifice

The daily Insaf; Lahore, February 20, 2014

France – About 600,000 troops from France's colonies took part in the 1914-1918 war and about 70,000 Muslims lost their lives.

"This homage is a call for respect", (President) Hollande said, urging a fierce fight against discrimination, inequality and racism, as well as against 'anti-Muslim words and acts.'

"Islam is perfectly compatible with the values of France," Hollande said.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 19, 2014

43 killed in Nigeria Boko Haram school attack

The daily The News; Lahore, February 26, 2014

US court orders Google to remove anti-Islam film from U-Tube

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 28, 2014

Ataf (MQM) urges army to act decisively against Taliban

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 24, 2014

Munawwar (JI) asks PM to seek Afghan Taliban’s help

The daily The News; Lahore, February 24, 2014

18 security personnel hurt in Quetta blast

The daily The Nation; Lahore, February 11, 2014

Four policemen shot dead (in Karachi)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 4, 2014

No room in law for talks with terrorists

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 2, 2014

Vatican under global scrutiny after UN sex abuse report

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 7, 2014

Parliament lodges have become a hub of immoral activities: MNA Jamshed Dasti

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, February 28, 2014

Pakistan Protection Ordinance termed a draconian law

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 4, 2014

CJ takes notice of mass graves in Baluchistan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 2, 2014

Op-ed: NS starts Negotiations with TTP: Gay wedding

Sharif is bent on talks with the Taliban because having failed to bring what he thinks is an Islamic system in the country during his last tenure, he is now trying to bring it through talks. Imposition of the Mullah Omar type of Sharia is their prime objective. What else would the Taliban talk about? Sharif knows that they will insist on it and that may be exactly what he wants. But an agreement, if any, will have to go through parliament, if any.

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As Nawaz Sharif stood up to offer his Maghrib prayers next to the table he said, “We will now have to bring the Islamic system in the country.” While he was praying Shahbaz said to my father (Altaf Gauhar, the PM’s speech writer): “Gauhar Sahib, my brother is saying very dangerous things. Please explain to him.”

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I suspect that Nawaz Sharif wants to turn his dream of his Sharia Bill into reality through negotiations with the Taliban. Put the onus on them and agree for the sake of peace.

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Hypocrisy wept. Will the families of our 50,000 martyred soldiers, policemen and civilians appreciate this? But the mantra is: “Let’s talk.” Eighty-two percent of drinking water in Pakistan is polluted. Let’s talk to the bacteria, what?

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What is one to make of this? It will be a gay wedding and the Taliban will extract a huge dowry from the government without giving anything in return. The shining jewel will be the imposition of their version of Sharia. They will want miles without giving an inch. They will outwit Nawaz Sharif and his merry men. They are cleverer than all our politicians put together.

<http://gauhar.com/?p=2939>

Report: Nizami, Babar among 14 to hang (in Bangladesh)

A special court in Chittagong today handed death penalty to 14 including Jamaat chief and then industries minister Motiur Rahman Nizami and then state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar for smuggling in 10 truckloads of firearms in 2004.

The condemned convicts include five intelligence officials, including former DGFI (Directorate general of Forces Intelligence) director Maj Gen (retd) Rezzakul Haider Chowdhury, former National Security Intelligence (NSI) director general Brig Gen (retd) Abdur Rahim and deputy director Maj (retd) Liakat Hosain. ...

The huge cache of arms and ammunition which included 4,930 sophisticated firearms of different types, 840 rocket-launchers, 300 rockets, 27,020 grenades, 2000 grenade-launching tubes, 6392 magazines and 11.14 million bullets were recovered on April 2, 2004 at the jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL).

The arms and ammo were reportedly meant for Ulfa (a rebel group in India)

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Op-ed: Salam, Abdus Salam

Nothing, of course, can compare to the deep trauma and heartbreak of that dark and fateful September 7, 1974, when Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's government had parliament declare the Ahmadi sect – to which Abdus Salam belonged – officially non-Muslim. His diary entry for that day: "Declared non-Muslim. Cannot cope."

For Bhutto this was just a political move and little did he recognize the depths of perversion and persecution this would lead to. Abdus Salam tendered his resignation, writing: "Islam does not give any segment of the Islamic community the right to pronounce on the faith of any other segment, faith being a matter between man and his Creator."

According to Gordon Fraser, Bhutto tried to keep Salam engaged: "'This is all politics,' [Bhutto] tried to placate Salam, 'Give me time, I will change it.' Salam asked Bhutto to write down what he had just said on a note that would remain private. 'I can't do that,' replied the master politician."

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<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-228553-Salam-Abdus-Salam>

Report: UN reports massacre of Myanmar Muslims

Navi Pillay, the United Nations high commissioner for human rights, said Thursday that the latest violence started on Jan 9 when eight Rohingya Muslim men were killed in the village of Du Chee Yar Tan, near the border with Bangladesh. Four days later, after the reported kidnapping and killing of a police sergeant, the local police stood by as Buddhists seeking revenge used swords, knives and sticks to attack the Rohingya, killing another 40 men, women and children, officials said.

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