Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan
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Ahmadi doctor implicated falsely in a police case
Sant Nagar; November 25, 2013:  The police arrested an Ahmadi Mr. Masood Ahmad, a homeopath doctor, from his clinic and booked him under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C.

Mulla Muhammad Ihsan lodged an application against him with police that Mr. Ahmad preached him when he went to him for medical advice. He presented the audio recording of the proceedings with the doctor, as proof. The police registered an FIR no. 675 on November 25 against the homeopath.

In fact, the whole case was a planned conspiracy. The complainant came to the homeopath and turned the consultation to inquiry in faith matters. Mr. Ahmad, a septuagenarian could not sense the trick and replied the question. The mulla was armed with a hidden recording device. He presented that to the police as incriminating evidence.

The mullas roughed up the old doctor before the police arrived. After Mr. Ahmad’s arrest approximately three hundred mullas and their accomplices gathered outside the police station. They blocked the traffic and shouted slogans against the Ahmadiyya community.

Initially the police said that they would release Mr. Ahmad after the mullas had dispersed, but later at 1 a.m. they registered the FIR against him. It seems all was planned to implicate Mr. Ahmad in a case under anti-Ahmadiyya law.

Mr. Ahmad was later moved to the Camp Jail, Lahore. He holds UK nationality.

A non-Ahmadi lawyer, a former judge, volunteered to defend Mr. Ahmad in court. “It will always be a burden on me if I do not do that,” he said.

The magistrate refused bail to Mr. Ahmad on November 30. He remains behind bars.

Religion co-opted by bigots
Kunri, District Umar Kot, Sindh; November 2013:  Mr. Saleem Ahmad S/O Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim had rented his shop to a non-Ahmadi. The tenant used the shop for a whole year, but paid no rent. Mr. Ahmad had to file a case in a court for rent and vacation.

The tenant hired a complainant and got a fabricated police case registered against Mr. Ahmad in the local police station under the anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C for preaching. FIR Nr. 108 was registered against Mr. Ahmad on October 12, 2013. An extract of this complaint is translated below to show how such complaints are fabricated.

“Today on 12.10.2013 I was sitting outside my house on the road with Muhammad Kamran S/O Umuruddin, caste Marwari, resident of Umeedabad, Kunri and Rashid S/O Muhammad Aslam resident of Shahbaz Colony, Kunri. Muhammad Saleem S/O Muhammad Ibrahim caste Qadiani (Ahmadi) resident of Kunri came to us. He belongs to Qadiani community. He said to me, “Recant from Islam and join our Qadiani religion. I will take you to Rabwah, Punjab and enable you to start a (new) business.” I replied, “My religion is Islam. Why are you telling me to recant from it.” He left the scene after saying so.

I plead that the accused Muhammad Saleem Qadiani who belongs to Qadiani community has hurt my feelings by offering me to recant from Islam. This matter should be investigated.”

The police action caused a great deal of bother to Mr. Ahmad and his family. He had to struggle hard to get a bail-before-arrest to avoid arrest.

An Ahmadi in Pakistan remains vulnerable all the time under the anti-Ahmadi laws in force.
Ahmadi youth beaten

*Malot, Islamabad; November 2013:* Mr. Ihsan Ahmad Danish runs a cell-phone shop here. He is son of the local president of the Ahmadiyya community. He had a small business dispute with a client. The client immediately thought of using the religion card and came to Mr. Danish along with some of his friends. They called him a *kafir* (an infidel) and threatened him with harm. They attempted to forcibly deprive Mr. Danish of some goods which he resisted. They hit him on the head with a stone, resulting in injury and bleeding. Mr. Danish was taken to a hospital where the wound was stitched to stop the bleeding.

Ahmadiyya mosques defiled and damaged by state officials

*Hameedabad, District Bahawalpur; September 2013:* Ahmadiyya mosque here was in a dilapidated state and needed extensive repairs. The president of the Ahmadiyya community thought it appropriate to build a new mosque on his own land to avoid any trouble.

The activists of Jamaat Islami in collaboration with the Khatme Nabuwwat organization saw in this an opportunity for mischief. They filed an application in the local police station against the construction of the new Ahmadiyya mosque. The administration was prompt in its response to bigots. A team of security and intelligence personnel visited the site on September 6. Thereafter the police gave orders to stop the construction. The SHO came to the site the next day and expressed his resolve to support the mullas in demolishing the Ahmadiyya mosque. He came again and ordered accordingly. Ahmadis tried hard to save their mosque and contacted higher officials.

Ahmadis could not succeed in saving their mosque. The SHO, DSP and the local revenue official came to the site with their team on September 24 and demolished the niche and doors of the mosque under construction. This was entirely illegal as the law does not prohibit Ahmadis having minarets and niches in their places of worship.

The police visited again on November 10 and demolished the niche of the old Ahmadiyya mosque as well. As the inferno of bigots’ desires ever demands more, they demanded that a criminal case should also be registered against Ahmadi elders under Ahmadi-specific laws. Ahmadis approached local political leaders and succeeded in getting the mullas’ sham application thrown in dust bin.

Serious threat to Ahmadis' Freedom of Faith in AJK

*Mirpur, Azad Kashmir:* An Ahmadiyya mosque was under construction here in the New City area. The structure was almost complete; finishing was underway.

At this stage, mullas called on the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and objected to the construction of Ahmadis’ place of worship. They also got a few rabid statements published in the local press.

Thereafter the SHO sent for the Ahmadi elders and conveyed them the clerics’ objections. Ahmadis explained their position to his apparent satisfaction. An Ahmadi delegation called on the DC who looked rather disturbed over mullas’ agitation.

The DC, then, sent a letter to SDM telling him of the ‘hurt to Muslims’ sentiments over the Qadiani place of worship’ and told him to report on the issue within two days. Ahmadis met the DC again, but he was not sympathetic.

Ahmadis had to raise the level to avoid this serious threat to their basic human right of Freedom to Practice their Faith. At their request, a senior official of the AJK government visited the site and ‘advised’ Ahmadis to not construct a niche for the Imam and also stop building an additional room for the time being. Although the law does not disallow Ahmadis to build a niche in their place of worship, Ahmadis were left with no option but to yield to the demand of the administration (read a demand of the mullas).
Recently, the Prime Minister of Pakistan thus concluded his statement in Lahore: “Pakistan has no option but to put an end to terrorism, extremism and sectarianism.” The daily Mashriq; November 24, 2013

Statements and actions are two different territories, obviously.

Local government elections and Ahmadis
Lahore: Ahmadis face the same problem in local government elections as at the national level. Rules and procedures are specifically designed to deter Ahmadis to stand or vote in these elections. Hence for decades, Ahmadis had no representation even in the local councils of Rabwah. Various governments and Election Commissions have been requested in the past to remove these hurdles, but to no avail.

Rather than facilitating Ahmadis’ voting rights, the Punjab government has found the existing forms not prohibitive enough to bar Ahmadis voting. Rana Sanaullah’s office (PML-N provincial law minister) explained the inability of the provincial government to hold these elections on the grounds that appropriate forms are not available.

It is well known that superior judiciary is very critical of the central and provincial governments for unduly postponing the local government elections.

According to press reports, the existing nomination forms in the Punjab do not carry the affidavit concerning Khatme Nabuwwat. Maulana Fazlur Rahman (JUI) complained to the Chief Minister about this over the phone. The Jamaat Islami, ever eager to cash a cheque over religion, issued a statement calling the omission ‘alarming’ and an attempt to turn Pakistan into a secular state. Accordingly the Punjab government, to no one’s surprise, issued an ‘Urgent’ letter to all Returning Officers to ensure that affidavit regarding the End of Prophethood was signed.

One is reminded of a similar letter issued by the Punjab government in 2003, in response to a mulla Faqir Mohammad’s threat. It was accorded ‘Top Priority – Registered’ to Faisalabad district administration about three schools run by Ahmadis. The title of the government letter was: Letter Received from Maulvi Faqir Muhammad.

It is also learnt that mulla Khadim Hussain Rizvi, the head of the Khatme Nabuwwat faction in the Punjab, recently called on Rana Sanaullah and urged him to do more on the anti-Ahmadi front. The Rana reassured him and asked him to wait till after Muharram.

Then happened the sectarian clash in Rawalpindi.

Report from Karachi where an Operation is under way
Orangi Town, Karachi; November 4, 2013: The SSP, an organization banned for terrorism, held a conference ‘Jalsa’ here on Bijli Nagar Rd. It started at 19:30 and continued till late at night. In addition to the local leader of Sipah Sahaba, Maulvi Aurangzeb Farooqui also addressed the crowd. This sectarian rally was aimed at spreading hate and violence against Ahmadis.

One of the speakers said, “Never forget the laws related to Khatme Nabuwwat. Islam ought to be imposed in this country. Rise, and put an end to infidels. Follow the example of Hazrat Umar. We urge the government to expel Qadianis from the country; otherwise we will undertake this task. Legislate the law to hang the blasphemers, otherwise we and our youth will do that. We’ll get killed and we will kill. We shall not step back and this struggle will go on. Those who plan to neutralize us should come forth and see in Karachi that everyone is following the footsteps (misaal) of Sahabah. Pakistan is ours and will continue to remain ours.”

Poems were sung and speeches were made; all these aimed at promoting violence. Shots were fired in the air by the trainees and SSP activists in a nearby street. This place is close to the Momin Abad police stations. Apparently no action was taken to put a lid on this steaming expression of violence and extremism.
This location is close to the local Ahmadiyya mosque. A number of Ahmadi residents have been target-killed here in the recent past.

Some youth of this locality had gone somewhere during the past few months. They’ve recently come back. They appear to have attended a training camp somewhere. Since their return, anti-Ahmadi recee activities have gone up. It is a cause of great concern to Ahmadis in the neighborhood.

On November 8, 2013 Mr. Irfan ul Hasan Athar, Ahmadi was walking home in Orangi Town at about 1 p.m. when a duo of pillion riders intercepted him. The man on the back-seat had his face covered; he held Mr. Athar by the neck from the rear, and asked him the whereabouts of the Kiyani family. (Three members of this Ahmadi family have already been target-killed.) Mr. Athar attempted to hit him with his fist. The scuffle attracted the attention of passers-by. This prompted the thugs to drive away.

Authorities, who claim to have nabbed a few target-killers in Karachi, should concentrate on Orangi Town – they are sure to trap a bagful of criminals and culprits.

**Recent reports from Lahore**

**Faisal Town; November 2013:** Mr. Abdus Sattar, Ahmadi lives here. Some people of Jamaatud Dawa, a banned organisation, are active against him. One of them is a nephew of Hafiz Saeed, the head of JD. They sought information about Sattar from a nearby grocery store, Tufail General Store. They pasted stickers of Khatme Nabuwwat outside the office of Mr. Sattar and distributed hateful pamphlets to incite the public against Mr. Sattar. They also banged at his office door and tried to break into the office. He bolted the door from inside and they shouted abuses at him.

One evening Mr. Sattar was going to say his prayers in the local Ahmadiyya worship place when he found a man pursuing him. He sensed danger and postponed the worship.

Ahmadi residents of the area have been advised to take additional precautionary measures.

**Garhi Shahu; November 9, 2013:** Garhi Shahu is the neighborhood where the main Ahmadiyya mosque is located. Intelligence agencies arrested two students of a local madrassa, from whom explosives were recovered. Subsequently two more students were arrested from another location. Grenades and pistols were recovered from them. Upon investigation they disclosed that they belonged to Nooristan tribe of Waziristan and had come from there five months ago. Their aim was to attack religious targets including Ahmadiyya places of worship.

In 2010, a twin attack, on Ahmadiyya mosques in Lahore by such terrorists resulted in massacre of 86 Ahmadis and one Christian.

**Cantt North; November 16, 2013:** The administration of Jamia Manzoor here has become active against the Ahmadiyya community. They held a press conference ostensibly to condemn the sectarian clash in Rawalpindi, but discreetly held the Ahmadiyya community responsible for the incident. It is learnt that ammunition and explosives are stored in this madrassa.

Staff from Jamia Manzoor thereafter distributed a leaflet in the bazaar in which public were incited against the Ahmadiyya community. The public were urged to implement a total boycott of Ahmadiyya products. The public were also urged to enforce total social boycott of Ahmadis. ‘One who maintains relationship of any kind with Ahmadis is a traitor to Islam and the Holy Prophet (PBUH)’, asserted the script.

**Rachna Town; October 15, 2013:** The three children of Mr. Riaz Ahmad Bhatti received a letter containing threats. They have been advised to exercise caution – but how, there is no sure way.
Rawalpindi riots on 10th Muharram and their raison d'etre

Rawalpindi/Lahore: The daily Nation published the following news in its issue of November 18, 2013 (extract):

“RAWALPINDI/LAHORE: Grieved, hurt and angered, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Sunday constituted a high-level fact-finding committee on the tragic Rawalpindi riots to nail the real culprits. Headed by former Chairman Chief Minister's Inspection team, Najam Saeed, the committee has been powered to point out any administrative or security lapse that led to identify those responsible for dereliction of duty or laxity, and propose measures for checking such incidents in future. With Secretary Prosecution Nadeem Irshad Kiyani and Additional IG Investigation Muhammad Amlesh as its members, the committee has been directed to submit its report to the CM within seven days. Also, Lahore High Court Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial constituted a one-man judicial commission to probe the Rawalpindi incident. Justice Mamnoon Ur Rasheed Sheikh is head of the commission and mandated to investigate any government official as he deemed necessary for an impartial inquiry. He would start the job from Monday (today). The judicial commission would submit its report within 30 days to the Punjab government, which had requested the constitution of the commission. In a related development, the Rawalpindi administration has decided to lift the curfew in the city at 6 a.m. Monday (today) on orders from the DCO. The city has been in the control of security apparatus, including army, after the riots. The blocked cell phone services may also be restored. Earlier in the day, the CM held a meeting with prominent ulema in Rawalpindi to enlist their support against sectarianism. As per sources, the tone and tenor of the CM was strict and serious as he talked to the ulema belonging to various schools of thought. Assuring the ulema delegation of early completion of inquiries and arrest of culprits, Shahbaz Sharif warned that history will never forgive the ulema if any damage was caused to Pakistan by sectarian prejudice…. He said that there are followers of different sects and religions in the province, but all need to live peacefully. Federal Senior Minister Ch. Nisar Ali Khan and Punjab Law Minister Rana Sanaullah were also present.”

The chief minister is justified in his anger. However, he must go deeper into the incident to understand the causes that led to this happening. Obviously it is mullahs who precipitated the tragedy. But what encouraged the mullahs to do what they did. The mullahs, regrettably, have been permitted in the past by the state and the society to indulge in that kind of conduct. A reading of the history of Ewan-i-Tauhid, the Ahmadiyya place of worship in Satellite Town of Rawalpindi, which was threatened to be demolished by the religious bigots and was conveniently closed for worship to Ahmadis, will shed revealing flood light on whom, why and how the mullahs get into the habit of neglecting the authorities’ orders. A snake fed on milk becomes only more active to sting.

One, Mr. Sharjeel Mir has predictably appeared again on the sectarian radar screen. The Friday Times, Lahore of November 22, 2013 reported the following: “We suffered a loss of more than Rs. 3 billion,” said Sharjeel Mir, President of Rawalpindi Traders Association. He said the police watched in silence as a mob attacked the market. “It took the fire brigade more than 72 hours to put out the fire.”

This Sharjeel Mir is the same rabble-rouser who led the anti-Ahmadi agitation from the front during 2011-2012. He and his Jihadi acolytes said and demanded the following, inter alia:

- Deniers of the End of Prophethood, Blasphemers of the Prophet, Apostates, Qadianis’ center of apostasy at E-69: Protest Rally (by) Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat
- First we shall have this centre at Rawalpindi closed; this will be followed by such closures all over the country subsequently.
- If the authorities took no action, we would ourselves stop their (Ahmadis’) worship. If the authorities fail to comply by January 29, 2012, the decisive date, we’ll destroy this place of worship.
Sharjeel Mir availed full support of the banned Jihadi organizations, the political party in power, the Majlis Khatme Nabuwat etc, and with tacit support of political authorities and the administration, succeeded in closing down the Ewan-i-Tauhid for weekly congregational prayers and even the Eid prayers for which Ahmadis have nowhere to assemble in Rawalpindi.

A six page report on Ewan-i-Tauhid is available on page 17 of Ahmadiyya 2012 annual Report on the Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan at www.persecutionofahmadis.org. This website is banned in Pakistan, but the authorities have their own way of opening it, while the concerned government offices have the Report’s print version in their archives.

The chief minister’s high-level fact-finding committee and the ‘One-man Judicial Commission’ and their reviewing superior authorities can profitably refer to the above-mentioned annual report to understand the venality of most ‘Ulama-e-Karam’ in order to put a stop to their mischief.


Ahmadis in the sights of extremists during Muharram

Lahore/Faisalabad: Reliable official sources have disclosed that Ahmadis inter alia were targets in the plans of TTP etc.

The daily Dawn, Lahore in its issue of November 13, 2013 published the following detailed story on the front page of its Metro & Central section under a three-column headline (extracts):

“TTP planned kidnap of Shias, Ahmadis for ransom

Faisalabad, Nov 12: The banned Pakistan Tehrik Taliban’s local militants had allegedly been assigned the task of kidnapping members of Shia and Ahmadi communities for ransom for fund raising.

The plan, according to sources, was revealed by five militants during their interrogation by intelligence agencies.

... The sources said the plan to kidnap members of two communities was approved after an edict in favour of such kidnapping for ransom issued by an unidentified cleric....

They revealed that Qari Imran had given them task of action against the military and police personnel and Shia and Ahmadi and they had been collecting the contact numbers of their potential targets...."

Is it not regrettable that mullas issue fatwas (edicts) in favour of most heinous and reprehensible crimes in the fair name of Islam?

A number of the public enemies were rounded up by the police and agencies in Lahore during the sweep carried out during Muharram. Fire arms and explosives were recovered from them.
**Attempt to desecrate Ahmadiyya mosque**  
**Chak 152 North, District Sargodha; November 22, 2013:** Police ASI met Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Mangla, the local president of the Ahmadiyya community and told him that Mulla Akram Toofani had submitted an application to erase the *Kalima* written on the front wall of the Ahmadiyya mosque.

Mr. Mangla told the inspector that Ahmadis would never erase the names of Allah and Muhammad (PBUH), nor allow any private person do that, however if the police in uniform did that Ahmadis would not resist the administration. The ASI told a policeman to erase the *Kalima,* but he refused. The ASI talked to the SHO on mobile phone, and departed.

There could be a follow-up.

**Threat to an Ahmadi in Sargodha**  
**Kot Fareed; Sargodha; November 4, 2013:** *MashAllah* (Whatever God wills), an Arabic inscription common among Muslims, is written on the outer wall of Mr. Riaz Hussain. Three unidentified men came to his house on November 4 at 11 p.m. They knocked at his door but Mr. Hussain did not open it. They threatened him to remove the inscription by 9 a.m. the next day otherwise they would set his house on fire.

This matter was reported to the police in writing. Mr. Hussain received threatening calls on his mobile phone. The police visited him and traced the unknown caller, who was not far away. The police took him in custody and warned him; he agreed to refrain from such harassment in future.

**Follow-up of the case in Peelovains**  
**Peelovains, District Khushab; October, 2013:** Last month we reported that a mulla desecrated a portrait of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community in the local school and encouraged the students to do the same. Elders of the area urged him to stop these pranks, but he in collaboration with another mulla got a police case registered against two Ahmadis for manhandling him.

The mullas took out an anti-Ahmadiyya rally on October 25 in which approximately 50 men participated. A school teacher spoke in the rally and incited the audience against Ahmadis, while a mulla asserted that ‘reconciliation with Qadianis would never happen.’ This was opposed loudly by one of the participants.

The locals did not appreciate this hate campaign. The SHO called five members of both parties to the police station to solve the issue, and forwarded his report to the DSP.

An update is awaited.

**Judiciary in Pakistan – a mulla’s assessment based on personal experience**  
**Rabwah; September 7, 2013:** A mulla, Qari Mansoor Ahmad addressed the crowd here in the annual Khatme Nabuwwat conference. He proudly declared that he had murder of one Ahmadi to his credit. He proceeded to narrate to the audience his trial and judgment of the courts. His narration of conviction and subsequent acquittal is interesting and throws a flood of light on the psyche of present-day mullas and judiciary in Pakistan:

>“Today, we stand in their (Ahmadis’) courtyard and curse them a hundred times; we also curse their founder. When the decision (of Sep ’74) was announced I was in Multan Central Prison for dispatching a Qadiani claimant of prophecy to hell. We heard this announcement. I swear to God, if today we draw the sword and man our guns, will there remain anything of these people? Will they (Ahmadis) exist then? They will be finished. I made this statement in a previous Jalsa (rally) where someone complained that I was calling people to murder and violence. I replied that this call was not from me, it was given by Abu Bakr (the first Caliph of Islam). I am not merely verbal about this call; I am one who has already acted upon it.”
God manifested this issue to me in my judicial trial. Two judgments were passed in my case. The Sessions Judge sentenced me to life imprisonment, while the high court judge acquitted me. The Sessions Judge was a resolute Muslim and a man of faith. The comments he made in his judgment were particularly noteworthy. Whenever I think back on it I am amazed by his deep insight. For the High Court Judge, I cannot praise him enough. It was a commonly held view among lawyers of the High Court in (19)72, 48 years ago ... 38 years ago, that this particular judge never overturned the decisions of the lower courts... his strictness was renowned. I explain this to make it clear that this issue is settled – no two Muslims can have differing opinions about it. The Sessions Judge wrote his verdict by balancing his emotions with the rule of law. He recorded all the claims of the cursed individual and commented that such a person was an apostate and Wajibul Qatl (worthy of death). The Sessions Judge wrote this down, but proceeded to say that to execute or kill such an apostate was the job of the state, and not of any individual. He said that he sentenced me for taking the law in my hand, not for the compliance (sic). However, the comments made by the High Court Judge are worth writing in golden ink. He dismissed the case and said that such killing is not a crime. After this, I tell our rulers that if they do not want Pakistan's honourable Muslims to act themselves against such cursed elements then they have to step forward; it is their responsibility."

Note: The Urdu original is reproduced in Annex.

**Shooting the messenger**

*Lahore:* An article by Zofeen T. Ebrahim was posted on 23 Oct 2013 at [indexoncensorship.org](http://indexoncensorship.org). It is very relevant to the persecution of Ahmadis as it highlights the criminal mindset of anti-Ahmadi elements, which targets even those who dare to inform the public on the plight of marginalized sections of the society. Extracts:

It's been over two weeks now that Rana Tanveer, a reporter in Lahore at the English daily, Express Tribune, has not gone to work.

Early this month, he received a one-page letter, in the Urdu language, terming him an apostate and accusing him of writing in favour of Ahmadis and Christians.

“It warned me to stop writing ‘against’ Islam and seek ‘forgiveness’ from God,” he said over the phone from his home in the Punjab province.

It further warned him that if he did not desist, he would be killed — since that is the punishment of a person declared an apostate.

“I can’t work like this; no reporter can, if he cannot roam about freely,” said Tanveer.

Initially, he did not take the letter too seriously, but a week after he received the letter, he felt he was being followed on a motorbike. “It’s a scary experience,” he conceded, adding: “I made a few turns just to be sure that this was not a figment of my imagination, but the man on the motorbike persisted. I knew then that this was no joke and I had to do something.”

His seniors at work advised him to at least file a complaint with the police, which he did, but he did not name anyone “due to security reasons”.

“My editor told me to keep a low profile and not to report on minority issues for a while, and if I had to, it would go without byline,” said the journalist.

Farahnaz Zahidi, features editor in the same paper as Tanveer’s feels very strongly about one’s byline being taken away. “As a journalist, perhaps the biggest satisfaction in this otherwise perilous and often under-paid profession is one’s by-line; it also lends credibility.”
However, she added, by shooting the messenger, society loses out. “The right to information is threatened when media persons are threatened.”

Tanveer finds a plethora of minority rights abuses strewn around his city but says few journalists feel inclined to take up these issues.

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According to the CJP, 28 Pakistani journalists have been murdered since 1992 in connection with their work, 27 of whom were killed with impunity. The deaths of 24 additional killed during the same period cannot be confirmed as “targeted.”

“Doing journalism in Pakistan is not easy, which is ranked the third most dangerous country for reporting after Syria and Egypt,” observes Mazhar Abbas, former secretary general of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists, a formidable voice fighting for the rights of journalists. While journalists continue reporting despite threats particularly those working in the Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA), Balochistan and even in the southern port city of Karachi, Abbas said, reporters from the Punjab province seemed comparatively safer.

But not anymore, it seems.

**Threatening note to an Ahmadi**

*Faisalabad; October 3, 2013:* Mr. Tanveer Ahmad owns here a tailoring shop, Keepa Tailors. He received a threatening note at his shop. It is a cause of great concern and stress to him.

**Ahmadis behind bars**

1. On April 10, 2013, the police registered a case against the editor Mr. Abdul Sami Khan, the printer Mr. Tahir Mehdi Imtiaz Ahmad of the daily Al-Fazl and four others, under the Anti-Terrorism Act and (anti-Ahmadi) Ordinance XX. The latter four accused Mr. Khalid Ishfaq, Mr. Tahir Ahmad, Mr. Faisal Ahmad and Mr. Azhar Zareef were arrested in Lahore by the Islampura police. On May 7, 2013 a judge granted bail to two, Mr. Azhar Zareef and Mr. Faisal Ahmad Tahir, but denied bail to the other two Mr. Khalid Ishfaq and Mr. Tahir Ahmad. They have remained behind bars. Lahore High Court heard their plea for bail on June 6, 2013 and rejected the same. The Supreme Court has rejected the grounds on which the bail was denied but still did not grant them bail, and left it to the lower court to decide. They remain behind bars.

2. The police arrested an Ahmadi Mr. Masood Ahmad a homeopath doctor from his clinic and booked him under PPC 298-C. The magistrate refused bail to Mr. Ahmad on November 30. He remains behind bars.

**From the media**

**Ahmadi man shot dead in Orangi**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 2, 2013*

**TTP planned kidnap of Shias, Ahmadis….**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 13, 2013*

**Local govt. elections: Affidavit of belief in the End of Prophethood made compulsory for Muslim candidates**

‘Urgent’ letter issued to DROs and ROs by the Secretary Local Government Punjab

*The daily Jang; Lahore, November 11, 2013*
Gojra: Demolition of minarets in Qadiani place of worship demanded  
*The daily Aman; Faisalabad, November 11, 2013*

Qadianis and Jews are joint enemies of Muslim Ummah; it is our primary duty to crush them: Majlis Ahrar Islam  
*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 29, 2013*

*Qadianis are snakes under the shirt (Aasteen kay sanp) for Pakistan: Sajid Mir (MJ Ahle Hadith)*  
*The daily Jahane Pakistan; Lahore, November 5, 2013*

Rawalpindi: 15 dead in sectarian violence; hundreds injured; curfew imposed. Multan and Bahawal Nagar handed over to troops.  
*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 18, 2013*

Troops called out after (sectarian) riots in Kohat  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2013*

Four soldiers killed in suicide attack  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 21, 2013*

3 shot dead in Gujranwala Imambargahs  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 16, 2013*

Six Hazara coal miners gunned down in Machh  
*The daily The News; Lahore, November 2, 2013*

Chiniot: 46 ulama banned to enter the district; 20 gagged  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, November 2, 2013*

*Ruthless Fazlullah is new Taliban chief*  
… In a recent video message, Khalid Haqqani outlined TTP’s global jihad mission and said, “Our ongoing struggle is not restricted to the boundaries of Pakistan but connected to all (Jihadi) movements in different regions of the world.”  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 8, 2013*

If the US does not stop drone attacks, all diplomatic links with it be snapped: Difa Pakistan Council  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 30, 2013*

*Khatme Nabuwwat to protest peacefully today countrywide against Pindi tragedy: Abdul Hafeez Makki*  
*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 22, 2013*

Hakimullah Mehsud embraced shahadat while fighting enemies: Munawwar (JI)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 5, 2013*

Fazl joins martyrdom debate – even dog killed by US is martyr.  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 6, 2013*

It is treason to call Mehsud a shaheed: Balawal (PPP)  
*The daily Waqt; Lahore, November 5, 2013*

Munawwar Hasan’s terming the terrorists to be shaheed is in self-interest: Pak Army  
His statement is irresponsible. It is a matter of great concern to the Army. By declaring the terrorists to be shaheed Hasan has insulted the martyred soldiers. The Army has no right to interfere in political matters. Munawwar Hasan’s stand is correct; no apology will be made: Jamaat Islami  
*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 11, 2013*

National history is witness to the fact that their (Mr. Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto’s) maneuvers against Jamaat Islami remained futile and Jamaat offered unforgettable sacrifices for the integrity of Pakistan (in Bengal) and thousands of JI volunteers lost their lives in support of the army to avert disintegrations of Paksitan. However Balawal’s grand-father played an important role in the break-up of Pakistan….: Farid Piracha of JI  
*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, November 8, 2013*
Munawwar Hasan is true to represent the legacy of Maulana Maududi: Taliban
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 12, 2013

Lal Masjid reissues 2004 fatwa to support JI Chief
The daily The News; Lahore, November 14, 2013

Condemnation by the army of Munawwar Hassan’s statement is good for democracy. Democracy cannot flourish in environment of bigotry: Adam Thomson, UK High Commissioner
The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, November 15, 2013

Pakistan has no option but to put an end to terrorism, extremism and sectarianism: Nawaz Sharif
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 24, 2013

Pakistan’s democracy and constitution are both unbelief (Kufr): banned TTP
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 9, 2013

The police is devoid of God’s fear; if they act honestly, all accused would be in prison. They have set aside all Quranic teachings. Criminals are free due to police dishonesty, while courts get the blame: CJP of Supreme Court
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 23, 2013

Islam is a religion of peace (aman) and fraternity (bhai chara): Maulana Hafiz Akram Toofani
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 24, 2013

It is a sin to call Fazlur Rehman maulana: Chairman Sunni Ittehad Council
The daily Din; Lahore, November 13, 2013

The government should quit the American War: Abdul Latif Cheema (KN)
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 26, 2013

(Gen) Kiyani hands over command stick to Raheel Sharif
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 30, 2013

Extreme disorder prevails in the province including Lahore: Qaisar Sharif (JI)
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 30, 2013

French court backs rule banning scarves
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2013

Church of England Faces Extinction, says Former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord George Carey
Huff Post, Religion, Posted 25 November 2013

US takes drone attacks beyond Fata, seminary hit in Hangu; Haqani network’s commander killed
The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, November 30, 2013

Egypt expels Turkish envoy after row over (President) Morsi
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 30, 2013

More than 10,000 killed in Philippine cyclone
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 11, 2013

Pervez Musharraf must be punished for his crimes: Dr. Qadeer Khan
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 21, 2013

Nato containers is Afghan property; this booty now belong to Afghan people: Liaquat Baloch (JI)
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 24, 2013

Drone attacks target Pakistan’s security, sovereignty: Maulana Shabbir A. Usmani (Intl. Khatme Nabuwwat)
The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 6, 2013

Dialogue with Taliban desirable: Aamar Liaquat
The daily Awaz; Lahore, November 6, 2013
Najumddin Haqqani killed in Islamabad; buried in Miran Shah  
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 12, 2013

13 killed in Karachi unrest; three target-killers held.  
The daily The News; Lahore, November 6, 2013

Quetta: 5 killed in motor-cycle bomb explosion  
The daily Waqt; Lahore, November 22, 2013

TTP tips hat to Imran Khan: blocking NATO supplies  
The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, November 23, 2013

Malala bestowed Sakharof Award  
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 21, 2013

Doctor Aamar Liaquat declared ineligible for admission to M. Phil due doubtful degree  
The daily Express; Faisalabad, November 29, 2013

TV anchor (Mubashir Luqman) attempts to hit Dr Aamar Liaquat  
The daily The News; Lahore, November 4, 2013

Govt to prosecute Musharraf for treason  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 18, 2013

PM appoints Rashid CJCSC, Raheel (Sharif) COAS  
The daily The News; Lahore, November 28, 2013

Drone takes out Taliban supremo (Hakimullah Mehsud)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 2, 2013

Case against 15 cops over ‘fake encounter’ (2 killed in Bahawalpur)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 16, 2013

Report confirms sodomy: Police torture victim (in the Punjab) cries out for justice  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2013

(W)ith the ever-increasing problem of religious bigotry and violence that Pakistan has been facing ever since the 1980s, many intellectuals, authors and political historians in the country have blamed the Bhutto government’s 1974 act of constitutionally redefining the status of the Ahmadiyya, formerly recognized as a Muslim sect, as the starting point of what began to mutate into a sectarian and religious monstrosity in the next three decades.

The Ahmadiyya Community was (almost overnight) turned into a non-Muslim minority in Pakistan.  
Nadeem Piracha in http://dawn.com/news/1057427/the-1974-ouster...

Op-ed: Minority rights: Freedom or fear  
In Lahore, recently at least 14 conferences were held where speakers spoke out against Ahmadis, instigating the audience to boycott, banish or even kill them, or to make their lives hard at the very least. Loud speakers blared and fiery speeches were delivered. No state machinery took any action against the organizers even though the administration could do so under Section 153-A of the Pakistan Penal Code. Large police contingents were deputed there but they took no action against the hate campaign.

Rana Tanveer in the Express Tribune of November 18, 2013

Op-ed: Has the army learnt its lesson?  
Al-Qaeda’s ideology has been influenced by Maududi’s writings. The seeds of intolerance and bigotry in the country created by Jinnah were sown by Maududi and the Jamaat-e-Islami. Indeed, the Jamaat was the inventor of danda-bardar-lathi-bearing-Islam. The Taliban have gone a crucial step further and become the Janissaries of Kalashnikov-Islam. It’s a difference
of degree, not substance. And the army had a hand in these transformations. Not surprisingly, Gen Zia was a fervent admirer of the Maulana and his brand of Islam. And for Pakistan’s passage into the dark ages we know how much we owe Gen Zia. If, oblivious of all this, the ISPR can still bring itself to idolize Maududi’s services to Islam then perhaps the time may have come to abandon all hope.

*Islamabad Diary by Ayaz Amir in Print Edition of November 15, 2013*

**Op-ed: Our Noxious Nostalgia**

Pakistan is predominantly Muslim, but Muslim rule for a thousand years in the region did little to change or dilute our collective shadiness. British rule followed by rising Indian military power seems to add to our dark national obsession. The maddening clamor has reached a pitch where seemingly well groomed and well informed men also tend to be swayed into day dreaming and absurd discourse built around obscure prophecies and fabricated ancient forecasts. These skewed men and the likes of them are the ones thoroughly blindfolded by the triple menace of fossil brained mullah, partisan historian and dubious writer. They taint the truth; hide facts and white wash motives. As a result see what kind of madness, irrationality and inhumanity have we plunged into as a country. Minorities are relentlessly persecuted, Shias, Ahmadis and Christians being slaughtered in the name of religion and vulnerable sections of our society being hounded out and dispossessed. There is hardly a whimper from those in power or clergy. Yet our pious conceit and self righteous arrogance is boundless.

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**Report:**

*2004 religious ruling*

**Lal Masjid had declared soldiers as ‘not martyrs’**

**Decreed Wana Operation a ‘rebellion against God’**

The martyr or no martyr debate is not new and Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Chief Munawar Hassan is not the first one to trigger it. The story goes back to Ghazi Abdur Rashid-led Lal Masjid squad that first issued a fatwa (religious decree) declaring military’s Wana Operation in 2004 a rebellion against God and His Prophet and army soldiers losing life in it as not martyred. The religious ruling had also invalidated funeral prayers for the soldiers killed in the operation. The fatwa was signed by over 500 ‘religious scholars’ and it basically initiated from Darul Uloom Haqqania Akora Khattak.

Pakistan Army recently condemned Hassan’s statement and expressed fears that it was an attempt at instigating rebellion among soldiers. However, the Lal Masjid fatwa had clearly asked the soldiers not to obey orders. The military operations in Wana (Waziristan) are against Sharia law therefore it is not permissible for the armed forces to participate in it, the fatwa had asserted. It had justified this ruling on the basis that it is *haram* to obey the ruler in the matters contradicting or violating Sharia.

The fatwa had also declared those killed by the army as martyrs. All those people who get killed during these unjust operations are innocent according to the sharia law, therefore they are to be recognized as martyrs, it said.

The SEP spokesperson said that all those calling for a fresh fatwa over the JI Chief’s statement were misleading people.

*The Express Tribune; Lahore, November 14, 2013*
Op-ed: Lal Masjid: making terrorists heroes
This transformation from a simple mosque to a terrorists’ hub, that took place in a period of two-and-a half years with the patronage and connivance of rogue elements and sympathisers. Interestingly the media, which was daring the government to take action, praising it for doing it afterwards, took a u-turn and started criticizing the government…. It is mockery of justice to charge the then President and the army chief for death of a rebel and a terrorist. Are the memories so short that people, including our judiciary have forgotten the atmosphere of fear and terror in Islamabad created by the armed terrorists holed up in Lal Masjid…. Beside Pervez Musharraf’s trial, the trial of the mosque terrorists must also be held and the people of the area must be made party.

Prof Alya Alvi in the daily Dawn of 4 November 2013

Op-ed: Mourning a villain (death of Hakeemullah Masud)
Instead of seizing this moment of opportunity to dismantle a fragmented terrorist network, a frightened political leadership has shamelessly prostrated itself before the militants. As a result the extremists and their allies are now dominating the public narrative despite their crimes against the people of Pakistan. It is an extremely dangerous situation for a country facing the existential threat of spiraling violent extremism. A narrow self-skewing leadership is taking the entire country towards a suicidal path.

Zahid Hussain in the daily Dawn of 5 November 2013

Op-ed: A matter of sensitivity and alternative sensitivity
The state has lost its sense of responsibility, control and direction leaving the field open to all sorts of rogues, ruffians and assassins from all over the world in the name of so-called jihad.

Mehboo Qadir in the Daily Times of November 30, 2013
Judiciary in Pakistan – a mulla’s assessment

A mulla Qari Mansoor Ahmad addressed the crowd in Rabwah (Chenab Nagar) in the annual Khatme Nabuwwat conference on September 7, 2013. He proudly declared that he had murder of one Ahmadi to his credit. His narration of conviction and subsequent acquittal is interesting and throws a flood of light on psyche of present-day mullas and judiciary in Pakistan.

His statement in Urdu (original):

آج ہم ان کے گھر کے صحن میں کھڑے ہو کر کہتے ہیں ، تم پر سو بار لعنت، تمہارے باپ پر بھی لعنت،
جس دن یہ فیصلہ ہوا میں اپنے دو ساتھیوں سمیت، ایک مدعی نبوت قادیانی کو جہنم رسید کرنے کے جرم میں، ملتان سنٹرل جیل میں بند تھا۔
ہم نے یہ فیصلہ سنا، خدا کی قسم آج ہاتھوں میں تلوار اور گن اٹھاؤ، پھر اس کا کوئی وجود ہے، کوئی وجود نہیں۔ ایک جلسہ میں میں نے یہ بات کہی تو بعد میں مجھے یہ شکایت پہنچی ، کہ آپ تو قتل و غارت کی
دعوت دے رہے تھے۔ میں نے کہا یہ دعوت میں نے تو نہیں دی، صدیق اکبر نے دی ہےاور دعوت زبانی نہیں دے رہا میں تو کر چکا ہوں، اور یہ
باتہمیں اپنے مقدمہ کے دوران بالکل اللہ تعالیٰ نے روشن سورج کی طرح دکھا دی، ہمارے مقدمہ کے دو فیصلے ہوئے، سیشن جج نےہمیں عمر قید کی سزا سنائی، ہائی کورٹ کے جج نے ہمیں بری کر
dیتے سنائیں۔ اسی جج نے فیصلہ لکھا، جس کو اس نے ذببات اور قانون کے دوستان میں رھاتے ہوئے فیصلہ لکھا۔ اس نے اس لعنے کے مامم
dعوووں کو اپنے فیصلہ میں نقل کرتے ہوئے لکھا کہ ان دعوووں کے مطابق ایسا مدعی مرتد ہے اور واجب القتل ہے۔ یہ سیشن جج نے لکھا۔ ایسی
آدی مرتد ہے اور
وابج
القتل ہے، لیکن جو اگلا جملہ لکھا ،اس نے کہا لیکن ایسے مرتد کو سزا دینا قتل کی، یہ فرد کا نہیں ریاست کا کام ہے۔ فرد کا نہیں ر
یاست کا کام ہے۔ قانون کو ہاتھ میں لینے کی وجہ سے میں ان کو سزا دیتا ہوں۔اس مدعی کو قتل کرنے کی سزا نہیں دے رہا۔ اور ہائی کورٹ
cے جج نے جو بات لکھی ،وہ تو سونے کے پانی سے لکھنے کے قابل ہے۔ اس نے کہا ایسا قتل جرم ہی نہیں ہے۔ اس کے بعد میں یہ کہنا چاہتا ہوں اربابِ حکومت سےکہ اگر تم یہ چاہتے ہوکہ پاکستان کے غیور مسلمان ایسے بد
بختوں کے فیصلے ودد افذ ہ کرں تتوتم اپنا قدم ودد بڑھاؤ، یہ تمہاری ذمہ داری ہے۔

Translation:

“Today, we stand in their (Ahmadis’) courtyard and curse them a hundred times; we also curse their founder.

When the decision (of Sep ’74) was announced I was in Multan Central Prison for dispatching a Qadiani claimant of prophecy to hell. We heard this announcement. I swear to God, if today we draw the sword and man our guns, will there remain anything of these people? Will they (Ahmadis) exist then? They will be finished.

I made this statement in a previous Jalsa (rally) where someone complained that I was calling people to murder and violence. I replied that this call was not from me, it was given by Abu Bakr (the first Caliph of Islam). I am not merely verbal about this call; I am one who has already acted upon it.

God manifested this issue to me in my judicial trial. Two judgments were passed in my case. The Sessions Judge sentenced me to life imprisonment, while the high court judge acquitted me. The Sessions Judge was a resolute Muslim and a man of faith. The comments he made in his judgment were particularly noteworthy. Whenever I think back on it I am amazed by his deep insight. For the High Court Judge, I cannot praise him enough. It was a commonly held view among lawyers of the High Court in (19)72, 48 years ago … 38 years ago, that this particular judge never overturned the decisions of the lower courts… his strictness was renowned. I explain this to make it clear that this issue is settled – no two Muslims can have differing opinions about it. The Sessions Judge wrote his verdict by balancing his emotions with the rule of law. He recorded all the claims of the cursed individual and commented that such a person was an apostate and Wajibul Qatl (worthy of death). The Sessions Judge wrote this down, but proceeded to say that to execute or kill such an apostate was the job of the state, and not of any individual. He said that he sentenced me for taking the law in my hand, not for the compliance (sic). However, the comments made by the High Court Judge are worth writing in golden ink. He dismissed the case and said that such killing is not a crime.

After this, I tell our rulers that if they do not want Pakistan’s honourable Muslims to act themselves against such cursed elements then they have to step forward; it is their responsibility.”