Ahmadi target-killed in Karachi; another injured

*Orangi Town, Karachi; November 1, 2013:* Mr. Bashir Ahmad Kiyani, 68 years old, was murdered here for his faith.

Mr. Kiyani and an Ahmadi boy, Muhammad Ahmad Wajid son of Mr. Muhammad Akram Qureshi, his neighbor, were going to the Ahmadiyya mosque, when unknown assailants opened fire on them. Mr. Kiyani was hit in the temple and twice in his chest, while a bullet pierced through the calf of the boy’s leg. They were immediately taken to the nearest hospital. Mr. Kiyani succumbed there to the injuries. The boy got stable, but later his wounds started bleeding and he had to be readmitted in the hospital.

Mr. Bashir Kiyani is survived by a widow and five children. His dead body was brought to Rabwah where a large number of Ahmadis attended his funeral prayers.

Mr. Kiyani enjoyed a good reputation in the locality and had no personal vendetta with anyone. He was killed simply for being an Ahmadi. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Kiyani’s son Mr. Ijaz Kiyani and son-in-law Mr. Zahur Ahmad Kiyani were similarly killed in September and August respectively, this year. It is a heavy toll for a family; their plight cannot be described in words.

Mr. Saleemuddin, the spokesman of Jamaat Ahmadiyya expressed great sorrow and grief over the incident and said that the murder of a third member of the same family in Orangi Town shows that an organized group is target-killing Ahmadis. Mr. Saleemuddin stated that the decrees of Ahmadis being *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed) are being issued openly in conferences held in the sacred name of Khatme Nabuwat. Extremists opposed to Ahmadis publish and distribute hate literature in public in which people are urged to boycott Ahmadis and kill them, but the authorities take no notice of these. Innocent Ahmadis are being killed as a result.

Asian Human Rights Commission took note of this murder and after due inquiry issued a statement AHRC-STM-198-2013 and gave it the title **PAKISTAN: An entire Ahmadi family was targeted in sectarian killings.** The statement mentioned the following, *inter alia:*

“In Pakistan, at every level including the media and at official levels, decrees against Ahmadis are being issued as Wajibul Qatl (must be killed). A non-government organization (NGO) Khatme Nabuwat is dictating terms to the state and is notorious for issuing decrees against the Ahmadis and even other sects. The indifferent attitude of the state and the government towards the killings of Ahmadis is creating extremism in the name of religion and conspicuously spreading hatred in different religious sections of the society.

“The Asian Human Rights Commission urges government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to initiate an inquiry into the brutal killings of this father, his son and son-in-law on the pretext of following a particular religion. The target killing of Ahmadis is accelerating and in recent months several professionals have been murdered ruthlessly.

“The Government of Pakistan is totally numb to these atrocities … .

“At a time when the world and all the international organisations are seriously and soberly promoting freedom of religion and faith, the Pakistan Government seems to be intent upon destroying all fundamental freedoms and depriving Ahmadis the rights to pursue and practice their faith and belief.
“The Government of Pakistan must act now to stop religious hate mongering in the country and apply sanctions to the liberty of Mullahs bent upon destroying the little that is left of law and order in the country.”

It is relevant to mention that it is weeks since an ‘Operation’ goes on in Karachi against killer-gangs etc, but those who kill Ahmadis remain untouched and are free to continue their target-killings. This laxity appears to be deliberate.

Ahmadi escapes attack on life

Orangi Town, Karachi; October 23, 2013: Mr. Naseer Alam Shah S/O Syed Munawwar Ahmad Shah, aged 38 was attacked by unknown assailants while going on his motorbike to his work. He works as a salesman in a garments shop. He had not gone far from his home when unknown assailants opened fire at him. He was hit near his jaw. He was gravely injured and shifted to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. He was later shifted to Agha Khan Hospital. Doctors struggled hard to save his life; twelve bottles were needed to replenish his drained blood. Luckily he survived. Later, he was shifted to Ziauddin Hospital for the operation of his jaws. His condition is improving.

It is noteworthy that this attack also took place in Orangi Town. How come the well-staffed intelligence agencies and security forces carrying out the Operation in Karachi are unable to trace the gang that repeatedly targets Ahmadis?

Police support to bigotry

Peshawar; October 2013: An Ahmadi youth, Mr. Waqas Ahmad decided to marry one of his non-Ahmadi cousins. Her parents said that if Waqas would work for forty days with Tableeghi Jamaat they would agree to the marriage. Waqas foolishly accepted the offer and undertook the expedition for forty days. Upon his return they demanded him to go to a mosque and renounce his belief. This was not acceptable to him, so the issue became a dispute. The girl’s family took the extreme step of reporting to the police to have a criminal case under PPC 107 registered against the family members of Waqas. The police arrested Waqas and his two brothers Mudassar Ahmad and Basharat Ahmad. His father escaped the arrest. The girl’s relatives requisitioned some mullas who took to street agitation against the Ahmadiyya community.

Update is awaited.

Mischief of a mulla in a school

Peelovains, District Khushab; October 7, 2013: Locals employed a mulla Noor Muhammad to teach the Holy Quran to their children in the government primary school. He is rabidly anti-Ahmadiyya. On October 7, 2013 he brought to the school a photograph of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community, put it on the ground and told the students to trample upon it. The children did as told.

There was an Ahmadi child in the class, Saffan Ahmad who felt deeply hurt by this defiling and started crying. On return from the school he reported to his father, Mr. Nazar Hayat who narrated the incident to Mr. Muhammad Sarfraz, the local Ahmadiyya missionary.

Mr. Hayat complained against the mulla to Mr. Nazar Hayat, the owner of the land of the school and others who had recruited the mulla. They called the mulla three days later, reprimanded him and warned him against a repeat of such conduct. The mulla’s response was arrogant and he told them that nobody could stop him from doing that again. At this Mr. Khizar Hayat and Azhar Mahmood, the two elders of the area, roughed him up a bit.

The mulla told this to his uncle who is also an Imam in the local mosque. They went to the police station with a fabricated complaint of blasphemy that Mr. Khizar Hayat and
Azhar Mahmood defiled the Holy Quran by tearing it. The inspector investigated the complaint and found the mullas to be liars. He reprimanded them for their fabrication.

Mulla Noor Muhammad and his uncle still tried to get a blasphemy case registered, with the support of other mullas but could not succeed. On the pressure of mullas, the police inspector, however, registered a case under PPC 337 and 452 against Mr. Khizar Hayat and Mr. Azhar Mahmood for beating the mulla.

**Two-day anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah**

Rabwah; October 24-25, 2013: There is no justification to allow mullas to hold anti-Ahmadiyya conferences in Rabwah where 95% of the residents are Ahmadis. Mullas assemble here from all over the country to insult Ahmadis and threaten the peace of the city. The authorities are requested every time to disallow such conferences in Rabwah, but they oblige the mulla. On the contrary, Ahmadis are not allowed to assemble in their own town for even sports tournaments.

Another anti-Ahmadiyya conference was held in Rabwah on 24, 25 October, 2013 in the Jamia Masjid Muslim Colony. The attendance was sizeable – up to 9000 men. Mullas who spoke in the conference were, Fazlur Rahman, Senator Abdul Ghafoor Haidari, Azizur Rahman Jalandhari, Abdul Malik, Tahir Ashrafi, Allah Wasaya, Abdul Majeed Ludhianvi, Pir Nasiruddin Khakwani, Abdullah Bhakkar, Pir Ji Abdul Hafeez Raipuri, Abdul Ghafoor of Taxila, Muhammad Ismail Shujia Abadi, Sahibzada Khalil Ahmad, Haji Abdul Rasheed, Mufti Muhammad Rashid Madni, Zubair Ahmad Zaheer, Amjad Khan, Mufti Kafayat Ullah, Ziaullah Shah Bokhari, Dr. Abdul Sami, Mufti Muhammad Tayyab, Abdul Hameed Lund, Dr. Liaquat Ali, Mufti Muhammad Usman, Mufti Shahabuddin popcorn, Ilyas Ghumman, Dr. Deen Muhammad Faridi, Syed Salman Gilani, Muhammad Ajmal Qadri, Abdul Hameed Lund, Abdul Waheed Qasmi, Muhammad Usman Malki, Ihsanullah Farooqi, Masood Ahmad Somro, Shafiqur Rahman, Noorul Haq, Mujeebur Rehman Qureshi, Muhammad Riaz, Abdul Ahmad, Hasan Abbasi, Abdul Rashid Sial, Mukhtar Ahmad, Muhammad Khalid, Muhammad Arif, Muhammad Qasim, Mohammad Zahid Wasim, Muhammad Tayyab Farooqi, Abdul Razzaq, Muhammad Anas, Muhammad Ahmad, Muhammad Shahid, Muhammad Amir, Muhammad Ilyas, Muhammad Iqbal and Shamsuddin.

All of the above spoke filth against the Ahmadiyya leadership. They left no stone unturned to provoke the audience against Ahmadis.

All major vernacular dailies reported the conference in detail. The daily Jang, dated October 26, 2013 printed in bold headlines:

*The country's security is in great danger by Indian Qadiani, not by Taliban: Ulamae Karam*

*Qadianis in important governmental posts are conspiring against the country, they must be fired: Maulana Fazlur Rahman*

The mullas availed the occasion to peddle their national and international political ware. They said the following which are translated from their own press release published in the dailies Jang and Nawa-i-Waqt, Lahore of October 26, 2013, *inter alia*:

- The government must put a stop to drone attacks, quit the Crusaders’ war and have a dialogue with the Taliban.
- The UN should take notice of drone attacks; the delay in dialogue with Taliban amounts to pushing the country to destruction: Maulana Fazlur Rahman and others
- This conference strongly condemns inhuman cruelty practiced against Dr. Aafia Siddiqui.
- We demand that Pervez Musharraf and all others be brought to justice in court, who handed over the nation to imperialists for a few dollars.
• Foreign agencies are involved in suicide attacks, sectarianism and sabotage in the country to promote anarchy and political instability.
• The entire state has become a hostage with Qadianis and other small minorities.
• The Qadiani mischief was created to be Israel’s agent, to promote Zionist political interests; it is trained by European powers.
  (Note: Ahmadiyya community was formed 59 years before Israel was created.)
• The entire Millat, the Shariat and indeed the entire humankind revolves around the dogma of End of Prophethood.
• The demand to declare Mirzais (Ahmadis) Non-Muslims was made by the Muslim masses in the light of the thoughts of Allama Iqbal and the Quaid-i-Azam.
  (Note: It is a fact of history that in June 1944 the Quaid-i-Azam did not allow a proposal to be tabled by mulla Badayuni in a Muslim League session that Ahmadis, for being non-Muslim, should not be allowed membership of the League.)

Following resolutions were adopted and demands made on the government by the rally, inter alia:

- We fully support the dialogue and diplomatic approach to Taliban.
- We see the hand of Qadianis in the on-going extremism and terrorism in the country.
- We demand from all the Nikah Registrars that the declaration regarding faith in the End of Prophethood and the apostasy of Mirza Qadiani be signed by the bride and the bridegroom at the time of the Nikah. The government should include such certification in all Nikah forms.
- Admission forms to public and private educational institutes should contain certification regarding faith in the End of Prophethood and the apostasy of Mirza Qadiani.
- Qadiani terrorist organizations namely Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya (Association of Ahmadi youth), Tehrik Jadid, Ansarullah (Association of Ahmadi men above forty years of age), Lajna Imailla (Ahmadi women’s association), Atfalul Ahmadiyya (Ahmadi children’s association) should be effectively banned and all their assets in the country and abroad should be confiscated.
  (Note: Tehrik Jadid (Anjuman) was initially established in pre-Partition India in 1946, under Act XXI of 1860 and is tasked to propagate Ahmadiyya teachings all over the world.)
- Lessons on End of Prophethood should be part of school syllabi which should be Islamic rather than secular.
- The ownership of roads and playgrounds in Chenab Nagar should be transferred to the (official) TMA.
- Arms’ depots in Chenab Nagar should be destroyed.
- In the light of anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance the Qadiani press should be sealed, publication of Qadiani dailies and magazines be stopped and the declaration (official permission) of their daily Alfazl should be cancelled.

Extensive security measures were adopted. The police provided full support. Various slogans were shouted in full throat including Qadianiat Murdah Baad (Death to Qadianiyat). Anti-Ahmadi books were on sale in a book stall. The rally had its Information Center, Parking, Food and Water Supply, a Traffic Plan, Free Dispensary, etc.

All the 9,000 participants were provided free food. All other expenses were also on the house. THE QUESTION: From where the mullas get the money for this extravaganza?
Freedom to practice faith seriously undermined in the Punjab

Lahore: October 2013: Ahmadis practice the rite of sacrificing animals at the festival of Eidul Adha. Non-Ahmadi Muslims do the same. As extremist elements are always on the look-out for mischief, they attempted denial of this rite to Ahmadis by asserting that it is exclusive to ‘Muslims’. Below we report three incidents from Lahore, the provincial capital of the Punjab, where the mullas sought police support to enforce this unlawful restriction.

I. Marghzar Colony: The police arrived at the residence of Mr. Abdul Wasey, Ahmadi at about 11:30 p.m. on 15 October. They were accompanied by three mullas riding their own motor-bikes. The mullas pointed to the goats there and insisted that Ahmadis being ‘non-Muslims’ are forbidden to slaughter them. The police found it convenient to offer them to keep the goats with them for the next three days and return them thereafter. The mullas did not accept the offer.

Thereafter, the police took Mr. Wasey to the police station. It was past midnight. The mullas also went there. An Ahmadi delegation also arrived. It was finally decided by the police that Mr. Wasey will not sacrifice the animals at his residence. They told him to sign an undertaking on a plain paper. Thereafter they drove him back to his home. It was 1:00 a.m.

The next day, the police visited Mr. Wasey again at his home and inquired if the mullas had shown up again. Later, some decent police officer telephoned Mr. Wasey and told him, “Go ahead with your rite; we’ll protect you”.

II. Sant Nagar: Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad Khan, Ahmadi was told to report to the police station on October 14. A call to the police station in Pakistan is always ominous for a citizen. There he was told that a mulla Hasan Muaviya (aka Tuti) had represented against Khan’s intention to sacrifice a bull. Mr. Khan told them that no sacrifice will be undertaken in the street, it will be done privately inside the house. Later the SHO sent a message that Mr. Khan should come at night to meet him. Accordingly Mr. Khan and the local Ahmadi community president went there, but the SHO was not available.

The next morning the SHO visited Khan’s residence and was annoyed to see the bull tied up in the street. The bull was moved inside and the SHO was told that Ahmadis had received instructions from their community elders to abstain from sacrificial rites in public and to be discreet about them. Later Mr. Khan took the bull to a relative’s home where it was sacrificed.

Similarly the SHO visited Mr. Mahmud Ahmad at his home and forbade him to undertake sacrificial rite. Mr. Ahmad told him that the goats were inside and will be slaughtered in private. At this the SHO left.

III. Allama Iqbal Town: Dr. Tahir Masood, Ahmadi purchased a goat for sacrifice and tied it up on the first floor. On October 15, at about 11 p.m. eight mullas of the Khatme Nabuwwat faction arrived in company of the police. The clerics told the doctor that they will not let him undertake the sacrificial rite. The doctor offered not to sacrifice at the site; however, the police and the mullas did not concede and took away the animal to the police station.

The next day when the local sympathisers came to know of this incident they felt very angry. They went to the police station where they met the police clerk and told him to convey to the SHO of their visit, anger and the possible follow-up action.

An hour later Dr. Masood was told on phone by the police to come and take away his goat. The doctor’s non-Ahmadi neighbor offered to extend all co-operation. He slaughtered the animal at his home and sent the meat etc to the doctor. It seems there is decency still around – despite the mulla.
**Terrorists holed up in Lahore**

It is learnt from reliable sources that a number of suspected terrorists have been taken in custody in Lahore and other areas. They had plans to attack minorities’ places of worship and Ahmadiyya mosques.

As per sources, the terrorists had collected all the required information about a church near the Anarkali bazaar and an Ahmadiyya mosque. Abduction and attack on the Ahmadi Amir was also on their action list. These people received their instructions from North Waziristan.

Search operation was carried out in numerous areas of Lahore on October 14. A number of men suspected of terrorism were detained and shifted to unknown locations for investigation. Lahore has been divided into areas which face different categories of terrorist threat. Garhi Shahu and Mughalpura where Ahmadi centers and mosques are located are among the Category A locations. (It is relevant to mention that at these two sites, extremist elements have openly agitated in the past – often with official support).

**Anti-Ahmadi incidents in Lahore**

**Shalimar Town; October 2013:** Ra’ai Bashir Ahmad, an Ahmadi resident of Asif Colony went to a local grocery shop to do some shopping. There he found a mulla who was asking the shopkeeper about Ahmadi residents of the area. The shopkeeper told him that Mr. Ahmad standing behind him was an Ahmadi as well. “OK, kill them; killing them is warranted,” the mulla said unabashedly.

On October 20, Mr. Ahmad was passing by the shop of a cobbler where the same mulla was sitting. He told his fellow, pointing towards Mr. Ahmad, “He is a Mirzai and his killing is permissible.”

Another incident: A man was peeping through the window of Mr. Rizwan Bashir’s bedroom in broad day-light. Mr. Bashir’s wife noticed him and raised the alarm, upon which the inquisitor fled.

There are five Ahmadi homes in the street. They have been advised to take special security precautions.

**Nishtar Colony; October 23, 2013:** Sheikh Ihsan Ahmad runs a book depot here. Two boys came to his shop on October 23, 2013 and asked him for ‘books on Khatme Nabuwwat against Mirzais’. He tactfully handled the situation and dismissed them.

Another incident: Rana Salamat runs a photography shop in this colony. Two teenagers came to his shop, gave him a disfigured picture of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community on which some blasphemous words were also written and asked him for an enlarged print. Mr. Salamat refused to do that. They made it an issue and started arguing with him. Mr. Salamat’s assistant helped him to rid of them. It is learnt that the boys had links with Lashkare Jhangvi, a banned terrorist organization.

**Sinister threats hurled in open in a provincial capital**

**Markaz Ahle Hadith Youth Force, Lahore:** Ahle Hadith mullas held a press conference here on October 2 to promote the upcoming All Punjab Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Al-Qasim Markaz, Multan. It was presided over by the president of the Ahle-Hadith Youth Force, Hafiz Zakir Rahman Siddiqui. He talked of the ample arrangements at the conference for the lovers of the Prophet (PBUH). He said, “We will expose there all the Qadianis working at key posts. They are methodically harming the country. We are keeping an eye on all their activities.”

Replying to a question during the question-answer session Mulla Zakir Siddiqui said, “Now we will do something practical. Their (Ahmadis’) activities have increased in some
Education in Pakistan – A statement of great import by AHRC

October 12, 2013: The Asian Human Rights Commission issued a weighty statement on the quality and content of religious education in Pakistan. It is reproduced below as it refers directly to its impact on peace and security of the Ahmadiyya community in this country.

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A Statement by the Asian Human Rights Commission

PAKISTAN: The Government must take the immediate steps to stop the desecration of the education

In his message for the world peace day, the Secretary-General of the United Nations said:

“On this International Day of Peace, let us pledge to teach our children the value of tolerance and mutual respect. Let us invest in schools and teachers that will build a fair and inclusive world that embraces diversity. Let us fight for peace and defend it with all our might.”

There is an onerous responsibility on member states that the quality of materials used for education they offer complies with expectations and aspirations of the world community. However, some countries, particularly Pakistan, are acting contrary to this and are using education to promote extremism and fundamentalism by instilling hatred in the minds of young children in their formative years when their outlook on the society they live is based on the environment they live in and ideology they are exposed to. This creates disorder, hate and disharmony in society rather than promoting peace, love, mutual respect and co-operation for the benefit of society as a whole. Such countries are instilling hatred, intolerance and sowing the seed of extremism and violence in the mind of youngsters.

Recently in Pakistan, text books which are part of the national syllabus are being used in the Sindh province to promote hate and extremism against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. For instance in this text book titled, ‘Islamiat for Class VI’ published by Spectrum on page 10 the text teaches children to not be tolerant of the teachings of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. For instance in this text book titled, ‘Islamiat for Class VI’ published by Spectrum on page 10 the text teaches children to not be tolerant of the teachings of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The worst part is that as part of the instructions given to teachers, the teachers are encouraged ‘to ensure students are aware of the evils of the Qadianis’.

Education should not be used as a political or ideological tool and should be free from any form of prejudice, bias and extremist philosophy. However, Pakistan appears to be steeped in appeasing fanatical and extremist Muslim fundamentalists by allowing them to use the education system to promote hate. Please click here to find the syllabus of primary school based on hate.

We draw the attention of the international community to this matter. It becomes the responsibility of the international community that whilst we are observing world peace day to promote and build a fair and inclusive world that embraces diversity, Pakistan is acting contrary to this by not only destroying peace in Pakistan but undermining the efforts of the rest of the world. Wherever education is used for such
despicable purposes and objectives it must be checked. As the Secretary-General has said let us fight for peace and defend it with all our might.

This situation of the hate based educational system must be checked by the civilian government and parliamentarians otherwise in the presence of such systems democracy, enlightenment and openness in the society will be stifled. The incumbent government and parliamentarians must revisit the curriculum particularly at primary and secondary levels.

**Ordeal of the Ahmadi lady-teacher continues**

*Chak no. 43, District Sargodha; October 2013:* Ms. Saeeda Ijaz w/o Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Malhi has been targeted by mullas for weeks. We reported last month that mullas tried to get her fired from her job under accusation of violation of the anti-Ahmadiyya laws. The administration undertook inquiry and found Ms. Ijaz innocent of any wrong doing.

Consequently miscreants raised the issue again and urged the students and teachers to not go to the school. To that end they made announcements on amplifiers of the local mosque. They threatened that any girl or teacher who would go to the school will be herself responsible for the consequences. The education department however instructed the school management not to interrupt the classes.

The miscreants gathered in front of the school while the girls and teachers were inside. Officials of the education department started the investigation afresh. The miscreants alleged that when a Muslim girl asked Ms. Ijaz about the ‘pillars’ of Islam she told her of the five ‘pillars’; this amounted to preaching. The inquiry officer heard both the sides and declared the clerics’ claim unfounded. At this the mullas got angry and threatened violence and closure of the school.

The next day, the District Coordination Officer received threatening phone calls from some terrorist organisations. These phone calls were made on behest of the miscreants. The DCO himself visited the school, consoled the victim and said, “Sometimes we have to put burden on the innocent (in the interest of law and order), but please rest assured.”

Ms. Ijaz was then transferred to the AEO office in Chak 40 Adda to calm down the extremists. The issue remains alive, however.

**Ahmadiyya places of worship targeted**

*Faisalabad; October 3, 2013:* A staff reporter filed the following story in the daily *Dunya*:

**Threat of attacks on minority’s places of worship; security measures ordered to be upgraded.**

*Faisalabad (staff reporter):* A plan has been unearthed that subsequent to the attack on the church in Peshawar, Qadiani places of worship will be subjected to terror attacks. All agencies including the police have been ordered to adapt strict security measures. According to sources in the Home Ministry of the Punjab, a secret report mentions that plans exist to attack Qadiani places of worship, so the police and other security agencies have been directed to tighten the security of these places.

**Baseless petition against Ahmadis**

*Golarchi, District Badin; October 2013:* An opponent of Ahmadiyyat, Soda Khosa filed an application against 26 Ahmadis including women that they had posed themselves as Muslim on various occasions. Some Ahmadis were accused of holding a blasphemous conference in 2008 and some were accused of writing *Bismillah* and *InshAllah* on wedding invitation cards. Khosa asked the police to register a case under PPC 298-C, an anti-Ahmadiyya clause.
The Deputy Superintendent Police called Ahmadis to the police station to explain. Ahmadis defended themselves to the satisfaction of the DSP. Ahmadis requested the ‘Reader’ of the DSP to provide them a copy of the report, when ready. The Reader demanded 50 thousand rupees for preparing a report to their liking.

An attempt to defile Ahmadiyya place of worship
Chak 307 JB; District Toba Tek Singh; October 2013: Muhammad Nasir Sultan Chatha, an opponent of the Ahmadiyya community, filed an application with the SHO police station Gojra to demolish the niche and minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak no. 307 JB.

Chatha fabricated a story that he accompanied by some friends saw two minarets of a mosque and went inside to offer their prayers, but it turned out to be an Ahmadiyya worship place. “We were thus deceived and felt very hurt for this jolt to our faith. We tried to find Ahmadis who had raised the construction similar to a Muslim mosque. We found some of them. We tried to convince them to destroy the minarets as they resemble those in Muslims’ mosques. They refused to do that. The accused have been declared infidels by law and the Sharia, as such they may not use any Islamic symbol like minarets in their mosque. Appropriate legal action should be taken against them, otherwise the administration and the Qadianis would be responsible for any clash and damage in the area,” he asserted.

Follow-up is awaited.

On-going agitation in Sialkot
Sialkot; October 9, 2013: Anti-Ahmadiyya agitation continues in Sialkot city for the last few weeks. Earlier the police co-operated with mullas and desecrated three Ahmadiyya mosques in the city. This has encouraged the clerics to urge the police to do more.

The mullas gathered some miscreants in Naikapura area of the city, burnt tyres in the middle of the road and blocked it. They carried banners and raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans. They demanded erasure of the Kalima and demolition of the minarets in Ahmadiyya mosques.

The police were informed who arrived and dispersed the crowd.

Civil society's commendable response to religious bigots in Larkana, Sindh
Wara, District Larkana; October 2013: The police on behest of local mullas detained Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ahmadi on October 1, 2013.

Mr. Ahmad works in a franchise of Mobilink and undertakes marketing here. Recently mulla Muhammad Siddique, a Deobandi and JUI (F) activist came to know that Mr. Ahmad is an Ahmadi, so he arranged a meeting with mobile phone-dealers and told them not to have any dealing with the ‘Qadiani’. The traders paid little heed to his talk and continued their business with Mr. Ahmad.

Thereafter, mulla Siddique in league with Mulla Hasan Brohi, a senior cleric approached the police to have Mr. Ahmad arrested. Later, when they released him without registration of a case, the mullas put pressure on the police to do as told. However, by that time Mr. Ahmad had left the town.

Subsequent to this ‘expulsion’ of a law-abiding young man, the Ahmadi elders contacted local politicians and society leaders to convey them their plight. Mr. Riaz Hussain Chandio of Jeai Sindh Mahaz was sympathetic, and he took up the issue actively. Some media and TV personalities also condemned the high-handedness of mullas. They expressed their disgust against the bigotry of clerics and stated plainly that the tolerant and peaceful Sindhi culture was being corrupted and threatened by the extremism and terrorism of religio-political elements. “The Quran and the Holy Prophet’s Islam is under no threat; no Ahmadi in Wara should be harassed,” they said.
**Ahmadis behind bars**

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.

**From the media**

Subsequent to the attack on a Peshawar church, a plan to subject Qadianis’ places of worship has been unearthed.

*Ahmadi community’s complaint (re sacrificial slaughter)*

*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, October 3, 2013*

*The government should disown crusaders’ drone attacks and talk to Taliban: Khatme Nabuwwat Conference*

*The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, October 26, 2013*

*Ahmadi community’s complaint (re sacrificial slaughter)*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 19, 2013*

*Sharia penalty for apostasy be imposed forthwith and (Dr) Afia be released: Khatme Nabuwwat Conference*

*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, October 26, 2013*

*No security threat from Taliban; it is there from Qadian in India: Respected Ulama*

*The daily Jang; Lahore, October 26, 2013*

*2 bomb blasts in Peshawar; 6 dead including 4 officials*

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, October 8, 2013*

*Polio team attacked near Peshawar; 2 dead*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 8, 2013*

*Blasts in all 4 provincial capitals: 13 dead, 70 injured*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 27, 2013*

*Shia leader shot dead*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 27, 2013*

*Sufi Muhammad acquitted by the anti-terrorism court for lack of evidence*

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, October 8, 2013*

*Taliban threaten Malala*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 8, 2013*

*722 suspects rejoined terrorist groups after acquittal: report*

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*Taliban warn shops against selling Malala’s book*

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*113 Ulama banned to enter Faisalabad, Jhang; 66 forbidden to make speeches*

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*Taliban make Shahbaz Taseer grow beard; demand Rs. 2 bn in ransom*

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Taliban ‘delighted’ Malala missed out on Nobel  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 12, 2013

Entry of 16 ulama banned (in District Sheikhupura)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 27, 2013

Israrullah (minister KPK) was killed by US and India who oppose dialogue with TTP: Tehrik Insaf  
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, October 20, 2013

Only Muslims may use word Allah: Court (in Malaysia)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 15, 2013

2,160 terrorists, 67 civilians killed by drones, Defense Ministry statement in Senate  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 31, 2013

Iran hangs 16 ‘rebels’ after ambush  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 27, 2013

Suicide attacks, car blasts leave 61 dead in Iraq  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 19, 2013

US federal government shuts down  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 2, 2013

Indian legislator gets four years jail for graft  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 2, 2013

Judicial activism in Pakistan exists only in newspaper headlines: German media  
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, October 20, 2013

Two US generals sacked over security lapse  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 2, 2013

We do not recognize the secular constitution of Pakistan: Taliban  
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, October 7, 2013

Six dead as insurgents bomb Jaffar express (in Baluchistan)  
The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 22, 2013

Gender gap: WEF report places Pakistan at bottom  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 27, 2013

CJP, other judges – Lahore High Court Bar Association sends reference to Supreme Judicial Council  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 12, 2013

Over 57,000 bogus votes cast in constituency (in Karachi won by MQM candidate)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 8, 2013

SHO, other cops rape two girls for three days at police station (Ghotki, Sindh)  
The daily The News International; Lahore, October 14, 2013

25m flows out of country daily, says SBP governor  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 2, 2013

Robbers in police uniform loot eleven jewellery shops (in Sahiwal, Punjab)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 19, 2013

New index says 30m live in slavery (worldwide)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 19, 2013

Op-ed: Who is a Muslim?  
…And yet there always will be a pressure to define a Muslim. Perhaps the state and society should get it into their heads that it is futile to define a Muslim except in the following way: A Muslim is anyone who calls himself a Muslim. Leave the rest to God, after all He alone is the best judge.  
http://pakteahoue.net/2013/09/07/who.is.amuslim/
Op-ed: We want our former Pakistan
Mr. Bhutto further encouraged this agitation (against Ahmadies). Dr. Mubashir (his finance minister) says that he did so on instigation from another country. Well, on whosoever’s instigation, it created a big gulf between two sections of Pakistani citizens – an intense mutual hatred.

Masood Azhar in the daily Jang, Lahore of October 8, 2013

Op-ed: O God, save Islam from ‘Muslims’
... (Here) Who and when, anyone may kill anyone after designating him a ‘Kafir’
The entire city claims to be Muslim!
Enough is enough. The flood of tyranny and blood is now passing over our heads. It is your (authorities’) responsibility to put a stop to this wild tsunami. This is no time for prostration; it is time to rise. These people (extremists) should be given a clear ultimatum to lay down their arms. If they do not comply the state power should destroy them entirely and put an end to their movement. We have lost 45,000 precious lives as a result of their inhuman idiotic philosophy.

Dr. Ejaz Akbar Khawaja in the daily Nawa-i-Waqt, October 6, 2013

Op-ed: Roll back nations
Muslims produce their best men when they are not ruling the state they live in. The most gifted intellectuals, like Muhammad Iqbal and Muhammad Abduh, survived only under the British Empire because their works were too “groundbreaking”. When Muslims acquire a state they go into a kind of recidivist trance: give us utopia or nothing. They make noises about the “modern Islamic” state but the moment such a state is created, they start squabbling over it. Despite their denial of “theology”, this is all they have when thinking of the state. They deny the presence of a clergy in Islam but their society is crawling with it, and despite avowals to the contrary, they slavishly follow their frozen-in-time medieval doctrines, savagely discriminatory to women and non-Muslims.

Khalid Ahmad in The India Express http://www.indianexpress.com/news/rollback-nations/1180076/0

Op-ed: Malala and the TTP
The young girl’s steadfastness in purpose and the ambassadorial role that has settled upon her has no doubt irked the TTP, but nothing can be more shameful than the contrast between the victim that wants peace and the perpetrators of violence that desire to peddle death.

The Dawn’s lead editorial on October 9, 2013