Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan
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Another Ahmadi murdered for his faith

Kamra, District Attock; October 15, 2014: An Ahmadi, Mr. Latif Aalam Butt was shot dead in Kamra, District Attock on October 15, 2014. Ahmadiyya head office issued a press release which is reproduced below:

A well-known Ahmadi Latif Aalam Butt killed outside his house in Kamra, District Attock, Punjab
This murder is part of a continuing cycle of religiously motivated attacks against Ahmadis

Chenab Nagar (PR)     Yesterday, 15 October, 2014, Latif Aalam Butt, a well-known Ahmadi was killed outside his house in Kamra, District Attock. He was returning home from his stationery store, when unknown assailants repeatedly fired at him. He died at the scene. He had owned the shop since his retirement from the Pakistan Air Force. He was 62 years old. He is survived by a wife, four sons and a daughter. He was a very kind, loving and pious man who harboured no enmity against anyone. His remains will be brought to Rabwah where they will be laid to rest.

Saleem ud Din, the spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, expressed great grief and sadness at the murder. He said that the incident represented a continuation of religiously motivated violence against Ahmadis. Ahmadis are constantly on the receiving end of vicious threats and edicts of death. They are told that unless they turn away from their beliefs they will face persecution. He added that Ahmadis would not be intimidated by such cowardly attacks. He said, “We believe in a Supreme Being who is our helper and He himself will deal with these transgressors.” He added that in order to stop such incidents, the government should ban hate material against Ahmadis and take measures against those who distribute it. He demanded the arrest of those responsible for this crime so that they could swiftly be brought to justice. He also said that hundreds of Ahmadis are killed for their faith yet no one is ever charged for their murder which suggests a grievous degree of negligence on the part of the authorities.

To-date 243 Ahmadis have been killed for their faith since the promulgation of the anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX. The authorities have taken no action to put a stop to such murders, at their source. Their insensitivity to such sectarian crimes has resulted in a more wide-spread sectarian conflict all over Pakistan.

A rabid Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah

Rabwah; 23, 24 October 2014: Mallas have made it a routine to gather at least three times in a year in Rabwah and insult Ahmadi citizens of this town, who are 95% of the local population. Every year Ahmadiyya headquarters request the authorities to disallow such conferences but authorities do not bother to even acknowledge the receipt of these applications. On the other hand Ahmadis are not allowed to hold any conference, annual events or sports festivals in their headquarters town. This year Ahmadis again requested the authorities to disallow this conference but they permitted and facilitated the mallas to hold the same.

This two-day Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Muslim Colony Rabwah commenced on October 23 at 10:30 a.m. The first session was presided over by Maulvi Abdul Majeed
Ludhianvi, central president International Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat Pakistan (IMTKN). Other speakers included Maulvis Zubair Ahmed of Toba Tek Singh, Khalil Ahmad of Chiniot, Saif ur Rehman of Lahore, Khurshid Ahmad of Hyderabad and Abdur Rauf of Sargodha.

As usual these mullas used foul language and criticized the Ahmadiyya community. One of them said, “We will never allow implementation of the scheme of abolishing the Kalima of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). If Qadianis stop their activities, we, the Janisaraan (those ready to sacrifice their lives) of Khatme Nabuwwat will turn Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) upside down. Qadianis are spreading terrorism in the country on behalf of Jews and Christians. Qadianis’ products must be boycotted.” Apart from this, foul language was used against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community and slogans were raised.

Second session began at about 2:00 p.m. and continued in the afternoon. The attendance in this session was approximately 5000. It was presided over by Khawaja Aziz Ahmed, vice president International Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat. The speakers included Maulvis Ghulam Ahmad of Gujranwala, Syed Noor ul Hassan Shah of Chiniot, Muhammad Waseem of Chiniot, Muhammad Khalid of Sargodha, Sahibzada Mehmood of Lahore, Hafiz Muhammad Shareef of Munchanabad, Khalil Ahmad of Sukkur, Peer Abdul Raheem of Chakwal and Haq Nawaz Khalid.

The speakers said: Qadianis’ anti-state activities are gathering pace; we will pursue them all over the world. We demand from the Government to stop backing Qadianis. Luring and conversion of innocent Muslims to Qadianism should be stopped; otherwise the end result will not be good. Qadianis have made Chenab Nagar their state; this is a failure of our Government. Qadianis appointed on key posts should be removed from the services. Apart from this, speakers bad-mouthed against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community and its elders. Anti Ahmadiyya slogans were raised at full throat.

The third session commenced at 08:30 p.m. It continued through the night until 2:30 a.m. At the end of this session, the attendance was almost 10,000. This session was presided over by Maulvi Abdul Majeed Ludhianvi. Other speakers included Maulvi Qari Aalm Deen Shakir of Lahore, Mufti Azmatullah Shah of Bannu, Qari Abdul Rauf Chishti of Okara, Muhammad Yousuf Khan of Lahore, Abdul Hameed Baloch of Sanghar (Sindh), Attiq ur Rehman of Lahore, Hafiz Mubashar Mehmoon of Faisalabad, Abul Khair Muhammad Zubair of Multan, Shamsuddin of Lahore, Noor Muhammad Hazarvi of Sargodha, Muhammad Akram Toophani of Sargodha, Syed Ziaullah Shah Bukhari of Sargodha, Abdul Hameed of Layyah and Abdul Waris of Chiniot. Many of these have been forbidden by various District Magistrates to enter their districts during the month of Muharram. Ahmadis, however, remain a fair game.

Speakers said: Qadianis are a deceitful lot; they spread their falsehood all over the world through the internet. Qadiani is an accursed group. Mirza Qadiani was a false prophet; he claimed at times to be Masihe Maawood, at others Mehid Maawood. Qadianis are agents of Jews and Christians. They are fully supported by Britain, America and Israel. They are gradually strengthening their roots in other countries. If they are not smashed up today, they will overpower the Muslims.

In addition, the speakers demanded: Islamic system should be imposed in the country. Boycott all products of Mirzais. Qadianis are traitors of the Constitution and the country, hence they were declared apostates on 7th September 1974. A blasphemer and claimer of Prophethood deserves death penalty.

Mulla Akram Toophani of Sargodha said, “DIG Abuzar Nathoke is Qadiani who registers baseless cases against innocent Muslims. We urge the government and Chief Minister Punjab to suspend this DIG. DCO and DPO Chiniot should enforce Presidential Order of 1984 against Qadianis who should not write the Kalima and Quranic verses on
their places of worship. If this is not implemented within two months, we will protest through sit-ins against the local administration.”

The fourth session started at 10:00 a.m. on Friday 24th October 2014. It continued until 12:45 noon. The attendance in this session was approximately 6500. This session was presided over by Khawaja Aziz Ahmed, another vice president of IMTKN and the speakers included Maulvis Muhammad Qasim of Lahore, Muhammad Ismail Shujaabadi, Mufti Shujauddin of Khusha and Naeemud Din of Lahore.

The speakers said: Mirza Qadiani was a crooked, deceitful and immoral person. Mirza Qadiani said that the words Makka, Madina and Qadian have been mentioned in the Holy Quran, which is an absolute lie. Qadiani Jamaat and its auxiliaries are busy in genocide of Muslim Ummah and are murdering hundreds of thousands of Muslims in the interest of the West. Six hundred Qadianis in Israel Army are involved in cannibalistic genocide of innocent Muslims of Palestine. We will not allow any person to insult the Holy Prophet, behind the shield of religion.

In the conference it was also demanded that: Qadiani institutions and their sponsors be banned and Qadiani places of worship in Chenab Nagar be cleared of Israeli and foreign weaponry. Apart from this Qadiani NGOs should be banned. Qadianis are enemies of Islam and Pakistan, and Chenab Nagar should be cleared of Qadianis and their ever-increasing activities of apostasy should be stopped.

The last session started after the Friday prayers and ended at 4:00 p.m. The attendance in this session was approximately 9000. In this session JUI’s Maulvi Fazlur Rehman’s presence and address was scheduled but he could not make it due to the suicidal attack on his rally in Quetta the previous day. Other mullas made their speeches in the last session and as usual bad-mouthed Ahmadi leadership.

A significant presence in the conference was that of mulla Abdul Hafeez Makki (from Saudi Arabia) and mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj (from Kuwait). They play the regular link between the Khatme Nabuwwat leadership in Pakistan and the petro-dollar states in the Gulf.

The mullas availed the occasion to peddle their national and international political ware. They said the following which is translated from their own press release published in the dailies Khabrain, Lahore of October 24, 2014 and Pakistan of October 25, 2014; inter alia:

- The acquittal of Mumtaz Qadri, the lover of the prophet, (the one who assassinated Governor Taseer) is the demand of the whole nation. No one will be allowed to blaspheme against the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in the name of human rights and freedom of religion.
- The hidden anti-Pakistan forces are trying to precipitate war between Pakistan and Afghan Taliban with the cooperation of Qadianis.
- Qadianis should be fired from the interior ministry, railways, CBR, embassies and also from the armed forces for their denial of Jihad.
- **Ulamae Karam** are the greatest hurdle in the way of western agenda and Qadianism worldwide; it is because of the latter that the movements in support of Islam are discouraged and disliked in the whole world.
- Those who call Pakistan a secular state encourage the Qadiani point of view.
- Muslims, despite all their faults, are ready to die for the honour of Prophethood and consider it rewarding here and in the Hereafter.
- Some Qadianis and secular staff on certain TV channels are giving exposure to liberal religious scholars who use European terms and make Islamic beliefs and settled issues controversial so as to lower the esteem of the **Ulamae Karam**, religious seminaries and Islamic traditions among the youth and the new generation.
- Qadiani places of worship in Lahore, Karachi, Rawalpindi, Islamabad and especially Chenab Nagar should be cleared of Israeli and foreign weaponry.
- Head of the Qadiani community, Mirza Masroor is living a luxurious life at the expense of community charity. He is constructing a private palace in Germany and a luxurious guest house in Norway costing billions of rupees.
- Gohar Shahi was a blasphemer who was convicted. His organisation Anjuman Sarfroshane Islam and Mahdi Foundation should be banned as they are busy in their apostate activities.

The resolutions passed in this conference included the following, *inter alia*:

1. Qadianis and their western masters remain busy in efforts to abolish some (Islamic) laws of the land. The rulers should firmly assert the sanctity of these laws so that in future no one dares challenge them.
2. Courts’ decisions against blasphemers should be implemented without delay.
3. Multi-million losses to the national exchequer, darkening the future of hundreds of teachers and leaving thousands of students at the mercy of Qadianis through return of the nationalized educational institutions of Chenab Nagar to Qadianis must be stopped.
4. Punishment for apostasy (i.e. death) should be implemented in accordance with the recommendations of Council of Islamic Ideology.
5. There is a ban on terrorist organizations in the whole country, whilst Qadianis’ armed wing Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya has been left free. Like other terrorist organizations, ‘Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya’ should be banned and their assets be frozen in favour of the state.
6. Qadiani hand in the terrorism/deaths in the country may not be taken lightly. Wherever there is religious terrorism, Qadiani leadership should be questioned in the enquiry; several blind cases would thereby get traced.
9. This congregation demands implementation of the great parliamentary Amendment of 1974 whereby Qadianis were declared a non-Muslim minority, and the Prohibition of Qadianism Act (of 1984) and other parliamentary and judicial decisions.

Following was part of the report released by the organizers:

I. Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and General Zia-ul-Haq were respectfully mentioned by the speakers for their respective role in enforcement of the Amendment no. II and the Anti-Qadian Ordinance XX.

II. Some speakers vented their views on the national (political) scene.

III. The security arrangements were supervised by Abdur Rauf Roofi of Mansehra and Maulana Ghulam Farid of Dar ul Quran, Faisalabad, under superintendence of Hazrat Maulana Akram Toophani (*the typhoon*).

Extensive security measures were adopted during the conference. The police provided full support. Anti-Ahmadi books and hateful literature were on sale in a book stall. The rally had its Information Center, Parking, Food and Water Supply, a Traffic Plan, Free Dispensary, etc.

The 10,000 participants were provided free food. All other expenses were also on the house. This raises the question about the source of the required funds.

This conference, like such others during the year, caused great inconvenience to the local residents. For security concerns, children could not go to school, women had to stay
indoors and all Ahmadiyya community buildings had to be provided special round-the-clock security.

**A deceitful pamphlet, and Ahmadiyya complaint to District Police Officer Gujranwala; October 9, 2014:**

It would be recalled that a mulla-led, anti-Ahmadiyya riot in Arafat Colony, Gujranwala on July 27, 2014 resulted in death of an Ahmadi woman and her two grand-daughters, wide-spread loot and arson of Ahmadiyya properties and expulsion of all Ahmadis from that neighborhood. The riot was ignited by the clerics over a fabricated accusation of blasphemy against an Ahmadi youth.

The riot was widely condemned by saner sections of the society. A police case was registered against the miscreants and their leaders, as also against the Ahmadi youth who was arrested. With gravity of the incident and the crime in view, the mullas moved fast and organized their defense – successfully.

The extremist elements held a joint conference, formed an association, nominated a committee and took numerous initiatives to avoid the arm of the law. On July 28, 2014 (sic) they issued a deceitful and slanderous pamphlet titled “Facts” and distributed it widely in public. This given date is false; the internal evidence proves it. Opening sentences of the pamphlet are: “There are people who are eternally unfortunate and cursed. Late Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani and his followers are such people. Qadianis, who are violators of the constitution, are anti-Pakistan and pro-Greater India, reside in various sections of Gujranwala city....” The pamphlet indulges in great deal of hateful propaganda and asserts that ‘Qadianis’ were solely responsible for the riot, and the rioters and their leaders mentioned in the FIR are all innocent.

This pamphlet mentions in detail the various leading mullas and their parent organizations that are in the forefront of the defense of the rioters. A brief mention of these leading figures is in order here.

According to this pamphlet an emergency session was called on July 29, 2014 at the residence of mulla Muhammad Ashraf Mujaddadi, the District Amir of the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN). An action plan was devised under the directions given by mulla Aziz ur Rehman Jalandhri, the *Markazi Nazim Aala* (central chief). The next day, on July 30 lawyers and advocates were consulted. These included advocates Rana Rashad Khan, Mian Shahid Ali, Abdul Aziz Bhatti, and Rana Abdul Ghafoor. Later, Ch. Tufail Waraich the president of the District Bar Association supported the position of AMTKN and offered all legal help.

Thereafter, the pamphlet mentions that an all-parties-Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held on July 31, 2014 in the Jamia Masjid Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN). An action plan was devised under the directions given by mulla Aziz ur Rehman Jalandhri, the *Markazi Nazim Aala* (central chief). The next day, on July 30 lawyers and advocates were consulted. These included advocates Rana Rashad Khan, Mian Shahid Ali, Abdul Aziz Bhatti, and Rana Abdul Ghafoor. Later, Ch. Tufail Waraich the president of the District Bar Association supported the position of AMTKN and offered all legal help.

An All Parties Khatme Nabuwwat Co-ordination Committee was formed in this conference and mulla Zahid-ur-Rashidi and two others were named as the patrons. Syed Ahmad Hussain Zaid was named the Secretary. Nine mullas were named members; Bilal Qudrat Butt of Jamaat Islami is one of them. Most of these members hail from Salafi, Wahabi or Deobandi sects. It is noteworthy that one occasionally hears verbal support to ‘tolerance’ by these groups, but when faced with a sectarian issue of a riot involving murder, arson and loot, they have all teamed up in support of those who committed these grave crimes.
This pamphlet claims that Qadianis locked up their own women and children in a house and fled. It also states that no announcements or calls were made from any mosque; accusations are fabricated and false. It claims that the clerics of the District Peace Committee remained busy in pacifying the people.

**Ahmadiyya response:** Ahmadiyya central office in Rabwah has sent a copy of this pamphlet to the DPO Gujranwala with a covering letter which conveys that this pamphlet aims at provoking common people to take extreme action against the Ahmadiyya community. The subject of the letter is: **Continuation of Organized anti-Ahmadiyya Activities in District Gujranwala.**

Ahmadiyya letter, *inter alia*, points out the following:

- The FIR of this incident, No. 550 was registered in PS Peoples Colony on 27 July 2014 in which the attackers were clearly nominated; however the nominated accused have not been arrested yet.
- On the contrary, succumbing to the pressure of adversaries, police registered a counter FIR No. 553 in PS Peoples Colony on 28 July 2014 under section 295-A, 8/11W ATA and arrested the Ahmadi boy Aqib Saleem. To-date his bail has not been granted despite the fact that the baseless allegation has not been proved.
- After this incident, members of all the Ahmadi families in the neighbourhood, which number approximately 125, were forced to flee and have not yet been able to return to their homes. Action should be taken to relocate these displaced families.
- The accused nominated in FIR 550 should be arrested and punished under the law.
- The matter regarding blasphemy over the disputed picture on Facebook should be investigated and finally put to its logical end.

**Lahore police act in support of mullas to deny freedom of religion to Ahmadis**

*Lahore; October 2014:* Numerous reports have been received from Lahore regarding obstacles faced by Ahmadis in offering ritual sacrifices at the festival of Eidul Azha. Some of these are reported below:

1. On October 4, 2014, two Ahmadis, namely Mr. Mubashar Ahmad and Mr. Rafiq Ahmad of Taj Pura, Lahore were called by the police. The police told them that the people living in the neighbourhood had lodged a complaint with the police against their intention to sacrifice animals on the occasion of Eidul Azha; this could not be permitted. Both Ahmadis later called on the SHO who told them that the complainants were miscreants so the Ahmadis should undertake sacrifice elsewhere to avoid their mischief. Accordingly, Mr. Mubashar Ahmad had to shift the venue of sacrifice to his sister’s house. It was later discovered that the incident was triggered by a neighbour with the help of local mullas.

2. On October 6, 2014 at about 3 a.m. a few mullas and policemen knocked at the door of Malik Muhammad Akram, an Ahmadi resident of Sabzazar, Lahore. When he came out of his house, the visitors told him: ‘As you are a Qadiani, you have no right to offer ritual sacrifice. If you still do that it would disturb the peace.’ At this, Mr. Akram told them that the lamb did not belong to him; it belonged to his tenant. The tenant was then made to hand over a written note to the mullas stating: ‘This lamb belongs to me and it is me who is going to do the sacrifice.’ The policemen still told him to take the animal to some other place for sacrifice. The tenant then sent the lamb to one of his employee’s house and undertook the sacrifice there on the next day after the Eid.
3. In a similar incident, someone knocked at the door of Mr. Abdur Rashid Qureshi of 131-A Block, Sabzazar, Lahore, after 3 a.m. When Mr. Qureshi asked as to who was at the door, the men outside said that they were policemen and that Abdur Rashid Qureshi should come out and have a word with them. When he opened the door, the policemen told him: ‘You are a Qadiani, so you cannot do the sacrifice.’ The police know that there is no such law and the Constitution upholds every Pakistani’s right to practice his religion. Despite this they indulge in extra-legal and even illegal activities, in league with mullas, to deny Ahmadis practice of their faith. Later the police searched Ahmadi’s house. Mr. Qureshi had to go to Samanabad, Lahore to perform the ritual.

4. Rashid Ahmad, a resident of Bhaati Gate, Ravi Park bought a camel three days before Eid for sacrifice, and tethered it outside in front of his house. A day before Eid three mullas came to see him at his place and said: ‘You are not allowed to do sacrifice because your faith is different from ours. If you want to do the sacrifice, you should first come to our mosque and publicly announce that you have firm faith in end of Prophethood and that you have no link with the Qadiani denomination whatsoever.’ Having said this, the mullas left. Mr. Rashid sent the camel to a friend’s house where he performed the sacrifice on the second day of the Eid.

A dreadful visit
Khan Model Colony, Faisalabad; September 26, 2014: A well-known Ahmadi here, Mr. Khalid Masood Bhatti who works in the District Health Office had unwelcome visitors to his residence. Someone knocked at his door at about 9:45 a.m. and asked if the house belonged to Khalid Bhatti. Mr. Bhatti’s wife inquired about the visitor’s identity. At this the man outside said angrily, ‘Never mind that, answer my question.’ And then asked: ‘Who lives in the house in front of your house on the other side of the road?’ (The house he asked about is the Ahmadiyya prayer centre.) Mr. Bhatti’s wife did not answer the question and hurriedly went upstairs to observe the people outside. She saw that there were three men outside her house talking to each other. Later, they photographed Mr. Bhatti’s house and the prayer centre. Two of them then went to a car parked at the corner of the street. A bearded man was already sitting in the car. The third man also left a few minutes later and sat in that car. All the men in the car had light beards; one of them was wearing a Sindhi cap.

Mr. Bhatti and his wife are upset over the hostile visit.

Bail granted, at last – at the High Court
Lahore/Gujranwala; September 29, 2014: It was reported earlier in the June 2014 report that three Ahmadis were arrested in Gujranwala after a false complaint was registered against them under anti-Ahmadi law PPC 298-C. Since then they were in prison, as bail was denied to them by the lower courts. Eventually they had to knock at the door of the High Court, where they got the relief. A brief résumé is in order over blatant loss of freedom of these three innocent Ahmadis for approximately four months.

Ahmads in Kallar Abadi had celebrated a religious day in their prayer centre and held a seminar. A member of a Butt family who had a property dispute with the owner of the prayer centre became ‘complainant’ and had a criminal case registered against three Ahmadis under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C.

Initially Mr. Mubashir Ahmad, the caretaker of the prayer centre was arrested. The other two, Mr. Khalid Mahmud and Javed Ahmad were arrested when they approached a court for bail before arrest. The post-arrest bail of Mubashir Ahmad was also denied.

A bail petition was then moved by the latter two detainees before Mr. Zamir Hussain Shah, judicial magistrate. He dismissed the petition under the ‘rule of consistency’ that the
The case of these two was no different than the first one. In fact, he should have examined the case of the first one also and released all the three on bail.

Thereafter a plea for bail was made before the sessions court. It was heard on July 9. The prosecuting attorney took the line that the three accused had committed ‘blasphemy’ hence their plea should be rejected. This was absurd as the accused had not even been charged under a blasphemy clause but an anti-Ahmadi clause.

The sessions judge found it convenient to reject their plea. The three remained in prison. They then approached the High Court. In his Order dated September 25, 2014 Judge Qasim Khan observed that, *inter alia:*

- The case file does not show the persons who were present in the house when the petitioners were preaching.
- The accusers did not name the persons to whom the petitioners preached.
- Allegedly loudspeakers were used for preaching. No such articles were recovered during investigation. No case was registered under the Amplifier Act.
- In view of the above, the petitioners are admitted to post-arrest bail.

Accordingly they were released three days later on completion of formalities.

The three accused had undertaken no preaching. They were accused falsely. The police and lower judiciary booked them and prolonged their detention unjustly. The administration and the judicial system worked as a tool for self-seekers, religious bullies and social goons. It is this kind of administration that resulted in anti-Ahmadi riots a few weeks later in nearby Arafat Colony in which three Ahmadi females including a suckling lost their lives amidst cheering crowd of murderous lunatics.

Mr. Shahbaz Sharif presides over this administration in the provincial capital, Lahore.

**Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in District Faisalabad**

*Chak 646 GB; District Faisalabad; September 28, 2014:* Anti-Ahmadiyya elements held a Khatme Nabuwat conference here. It was presided over by Mr. Badiuz Zaman Bhatti, Advocate from Lahore and mulla Zahur Ahmad Qamar of Sargodha. Both of them incited the public to violence against the Ahmadiyya community.

After the conference these mullas made a plan to implicate Ahmadis in a case of burning the Holy Quran. Accordingly, on September 30, 2014 at about 7:30 a.m. the village cleric announced that a copy of the Holy Quran had been burnt, and urged all Muslims in the village to gather in the mosque to determine and punish the culprit. Thereafter, it became clear that a Shia mendicant, Haider Ali had burnt the Quran. The mullas told him that if he wanted to save his life, he should name the Qadianis as the culprits. Ali refused that and said that since he himself had done the act, he would not falsely accuse anyone else of the misdeed. Meanwhile, approximately one thousand people gathered in the village including those from nearby villages. Five police vehicles arrived on the scene along with the SHO and DSP. In the meantime, people thrashed and manhandled Haider Ali who was then taken into police custody.

The mullas gathered at the Khatme Nabuwat centre in Chak 646 GB and made plans against Ahmadis. On October 2, 2014, these mullas along with a few dozen villagers armed with clubs and heavy sticks went to a nearby government school in Chak 630 GB and demanded that Ayub Ahmad, an Ahmadi teacher be handed over to them. At this the headmaster told these vandals that the teacher was under his protection and if they tried to harm him, he would call the police. At this the crowd retreated and dispersed.

The mullas have demanded expulsion of the Ahmadi teacher from the school.

**Frightful threat to a notable Ahmadi in Lahore**

*Lahore; October 7, 2014:* Someone dropped a threatening letter at the house of Mr. Saleem Ahmad Nasir, Advocate on October 7, 2014 in the morning. Three *Kaffans* (shroud in
which a dead person is wrapped) and three bullets of Kalashnikov rifle were deposited with the letter. Mr. Saleem lives in Lahore with his wife and a son Maooz Saleem.

This threat is written on the letterhead pad of “Hakeemullah Mehsood” of Tahrike Taliban. Translation of the text is given below:

Peace be upon you. On behalf of the Tahrike Taliban, we invite you to accept Islam and recant from Ahmadiyyat and Mirzaiyyat, call Mirza Ghulam Muhammad (sic) a liar and accept the Holy Prophet (PBUH) as the last of the prophets. We expect Ch. Saleem Ahmad Nasir to accept Islam along with his family. History is witness that Muslims always treated non-Muslims well, invited them to Islam and those who accepted Islam lived happily thereafter. However, history has also preserved the fate of those who did not accept Islam. That is why as Muslims, we invite you to become true Muslims. If you, your son Maooz Saleem and wife Rehana do not accept Islam and let go of this last opportunity, you will meet the same fate as the other Kafireen (Infidels) of your Jamaat. Remember that the punishment of your sin is only death. You and your family are on our hit-list and we are well aware of your activities. Simultaneous with the delivery of this letter, your names and addresses and other information has been sent to Lashkar Jhangvi (a banned terrorist organisation), Jaishe Mohammad and all other religious organizations so that if you do not accept Islam, you may not escape the consequences. You are at full liberty to show this letter in any police station or to any agency and do whatever you can for your security. But remember that with this Kufr (infidelity), you will not be able to survive. We are hopeful that you people will enter the fold of Islam and quit Mirzaiyyat; otherwise you are responsible for your own end.

Ameer (President) Tahrike Taliban Pakistan (Sd: Hakeemullah Mehsood)

Ahmadi kidnapped

Kotri, District Hyderabad; October 10, 2014: Mr. Naseer Ahmad S/O Saeed Ahmad of Kotri East, District Hyderabad was kidnapped by unknown men at about 8 p.m. on October 10, 2014.

As per details, Mr. Naseer Ahmad reached home at about 7:45 p.m. He was hardly in when someone knocked at the door. He found two men standing outside. They told him that someone who was at the corner of the street wanted to meet him. Mr. Ahmad refused to go with them. At that time, another Ahmadi Mr. Rashid Ashraf passed by on his way to the mosque. Mr. Ahmad called him for help. At this the kidnappers took out their guns and told Mr. Ashraf to stay clear. They forcibly dragged Mr. Ahmad to a car at the corner. They shoved him in and drove away. Registration number of the car was AXA 439.

The police were informed immediately. However, their reaction, if any, was fruitless. The kidnappers did not contact the family.

Whitewashing Ahmadiyya situation on electronic media

September 30, 2014: BBC has an arrangement with the Pakistani TV channel Aaj that its Urdu program Serbeen will be aired by the latter.

In this program, scheduled for broadcasting on September 30, 2014 the lead story was the II\textsuperscript{nd} Amendment to the Constitution and its impact on the affected Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. The scheduling of this story was well-timed as this Amendment was passed in the month of September (in 1974). Religious extremists and sectarian elements celebrate this event in September and most of the vernacular press joins in the jubilations by issuing Special Editions. It was done this year as well.

BBC, very appropriately, prepared a short documentary report on this occasion. For this, they even sent a research team to Rabwah to assemble facts and figures. Eventually the team prepared a documentary that met BBC standards and style. It was inserted as the lead story, and provided to Aaj for transmission.
Aaj TV examined this programme and decided to not broadcast this report. This decision was very regrettable; it shows lack of professional and moral courage in the vernacular electronic media. It withheld from the general public the truth and denied them a balanced and clear understanding of an important issue that has led to the general breakdown of communal peace and promoted intolerance in the Pakistani society in the past four decades.

### Propaganda against school run by Ahmadis

**Bait Nasirabad/Bait Daryai, District Muzaffar Garh; October 2014:** Anti-Ahmadiyya elements in the area are pushing against “Nasir Public School” run by the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. This school is a sore in the eyes of local mullas. One of these mullas has established an academy in nearby Adda Rind, however it is not popular with the locals, whereas the Ahmadiyya school has a large attendance by non-Ahmadi children. Mullas allege that Qadianis preach their faith to Muslim children and convert them to infidels; hence their school should be shut down. Mullas have spread the rumour that they have filed a writ petition in the High Court and that the school would be closed down shortly.

The mullas have planned a rally against the school. To this end they got posters printed and pasted. The administration has warned them again holding the rally and told them that spreading religious disharmony and hatred would not be allowed. The mullas have responded that no religious hatred will be spread in the rally; and have proceeded with the arrangements for holding the rally.

Members of the Ahmadiyya community have been advised to exercise special care and caution.

### A glimpse of religious extremism and its promoters

Recently when Malala was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the mouth-frothing anti-West radicals were not happy and posed a catch-question: *Why was Abdul Sattar Edhi not awarded the prize; he deserved it much more?*

Ayesha Siddiqa answered very appropriately: “To put things straight - the Nobel Peace Prize and similar awards are political, which are meant to recognize achievements that those, who choose to put the money aside for recognizing individual or collective efforts, consider critical for the world. These awards are not meant as a definitive judgment on a land and its people… Abdul Sattar Edhi is indeed a great man, but that does not mean we should not recognize a 17-year old girl, who stands tall in her conviction and courage.”

The religious right in Pakistan, however, were not convinced by this explanation and decided to come forth without scruples. They decided to strongly condemn even Edhi - for his (mutual) recognition of the Ahmadi community.

Two years ago, the Ahmadi international Jamaat nominated Mr. Edhi for its own ‘Peace Prize’. Mr. Edhi accepted the honor and said a few words of appreciation and prayer for the Jamaat. The self-styled World Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Council issued a one-page pamphlet recently; its contents disclose the rabidity of the leaders of this Council. A translation is provided below:

**The Cursed Abdul Sattar Edhi who prayed for Qadianis**

Edhi has stated in a video statement that he is grateful to Ahmadis who awarded him the Peace Prize, and that he prays for the Qadiani Jamaat.

O Edhi, you have prayed for the false prophet Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani and his false Ummah, who have committed the worst blasphemies against our holy master (PBUH), Allah Taala, the noble companions, the Family (Ahle Bait), the respected saints, the Holy Quran, and Makkah and Madinah.
Edhi, reply; would you pray for one who abuses your mother and father? Edhi, if someone rags your sister, daughter or wife, will you pray for him?

You have prayed for Qadianis, the worst enemies of the Master (PBUH). Well, we the entire Muslim Ummah pray against you the bad prayer (Bad Dua) May Allah ruin you.

May Allah make you an example of admonition. May Allah give you death without coffin.

... World Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Council, Lahore (World End of Prophethood Council, Lahore)

The authorities have taken no action against the publishers of this hateful, false propaganda leaflet, despite the law. This attitude of the government towards such elements over the past decades has made Pakistan a country that is sliding down fast to religious extremism. Recently Farahnaz Ispahani of Woodrow Wilson Center and Nina Shea, a senior fellow wrote a blog for the CNN on this subject and stated:

"... the reality is that Pakistan is facing a serious problem, with the mushrooming of Islamist appeal within Pakistani society reminding us that we risk seeing the Talibanisation not simply of a small minority of ordinary citizens, but large swaths of the populace of the world's second largest - and only nuclear armed Muslim country....

“State laws and practices relating to Islamic blasphemy, in particular, are increasingly suppressing moderate voices, while allowing extremists to dominate cultural discourse and learning. As a result, extremism is making ideological inroads into wider and wider segment of the population...."

http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2014/10/16/pakistan-is-sliding-toward-extremism

LHC upholds death sentence of blasphemy convict Aasia Bibi

Lahore: The Daily Times reported the above news on October 17, 2014. It added: “Court dismisses counsel’s argument that trial court awarded sentence despite lack of evidence. Christian woman has 30 days to challenge verdict before SC.”

According to the daily Dawn of October 14, a division bench of the high court upheld the death sentence. Fifty-year-old Aasia Bibi, a mother of five was arrested on June 19, 2009. In November 2010, an additional and sessions judge had sentenced her to death which she challenged in the Lahore High Court.

The Dawn reported the following important aspects of the case and the verdict:

The court asked the counsel for both sides whether death penalty was the only sentence for blasphemy.

The counsel for the complainant said the Federal Shariat Court (FSC) had in 1991 directed the federal government to amend Section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) and omit the word life sentence. According to him, the FSC observed that the word life sentence would deem to be omitted if the proposed amendment was not made in the given time.

The government had challenged the verdict but later withdrawn it. Therefore, the counsel argued, the offence under Section 295-C of the PPC carried the punishment of death only. (Emphasis added)

He said the trial court had followed all provisions of the law.

After hearing both sides, the LHC bench headed by Justice Anwarul Haq rejected Aasia Bibi’s appeal and upheld the death penalty.

End of Prophethood conference in the UK

The ultra-right wing daily Islam, Lahore published a lengthy report in its issue of September 11, 2014, titled: Britain - Annual Khatme Nabuwwat conference... thousands participated.

It reported that the conference was held on September 7, 2014 in the central mosque in Birmingham. Leading ulama and religious scholars from Pakistan and other countries
participated. Two sessions were held in which the audience numbered ‘thousands’ (sic). [We are unable to confirm this claim as these people are prone to exaggeration.]

The speakers who addressed the conference said many things. Among these they said the following as well, according to this report published in the daily Islam:

- **Maulana Aziz Ahmad (Pakistan)** said: (By your participation) you people have proven that Muslims can tolerate a lot but cannot tolerate the minutest slight against the Holy Prophet, and that you are ever ready to sacrifice yourself in the way of his honor.
- **Maulana Abdul Razzaq Askandar (from Karachi)** said: Today, human society has reached the end in intellectual disorder and mental anarchy in the West, Europe, Britain and among peoples following the western ways.
- **Hafiz Ahmad Hussain (JUI in Pakistan)** asserted that the constitutional amendment (No. II) should be accepted by Qadianis and the European countries. They talk of doing away with this amendment; we shall never allow these efforts to succeed.
- **Dr Khalid Mehmud (from Pakistan)** said: People are talking of a change and revolution these days; we’ll have to keep a watch lest our constitution is affected in the process and the Amendment (regarding Ahmadis) is annulled.
- **Mufti Khalid Mahmood** said: It is regrettable that the Deniers of the End of Prophethood have not accepted the Amendment and continue to act traitors against the Constitution, the country and the nation.
- **Maulana Abdul Ghafur Haidari (JUI minister in the federation)** praised the few ulama in the National Assembly who have formed a formidable barrier against any change in Islamic provisions in the Constitution. They resist the efforts to undo its Islamic provisions and Islamic identity by mutilating it. etc. etc.

In addition to the mullas mentioned above following were also mentioned by the daily in its report as those who addressed the audience:

- Fazl ur Rahim Ashrafi (Lahore); Mahmud ul Hassan (UK); Farooq Sultan (Denmark); Suhail Ahmad (Croydon); Negeen Ahmad (London); Abdul Hadi Al-Umar (i) of Jamiat Ahle Hadith; Farooq Alavi (J, in UK); Muhammad Ahmad (Germany); Ghulam Rabbani Afghani (Jamaat Ahle Sunnat); Saeed Ahmad; Najeeb Ahmad; Muhammad Ayub; Khalil ur Rehman Gordashiti; Amdad ullah Qasimi; Ashraf Ali; Ibrahim; Abu Bakr; Usman; Abdul Rahim; Abdul Rashid Rabbani; Muhammad Aslam. Almost all are of Pakistan origin.

‘No non-Muslim can teach Islamic Studies’

**Lahore; October 23, 2014:** The Express Tribune published the following report today under the above headline, (extracts):

**Petitioner alleges 17 non-Muslims being interviewed for teaching Islamic Studies**

Justice Abid Aziz Shaikh of Lahore High Court (LHC) on Wednesday directed the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) to submit an undertaking that no non-Muslim would be recruited as lecturer in Islamic Studies. The judge was hearing a petition requesting the court to declare void a notification for interview of 17 non-Muslims for the lectureship. Justice Shaikh also directed the PPSC’s counsel to produce their National Database Registration Authority (NADRA) record to establish whether or not they were Muslims....

The petitioner said 17 non-Muslims were called for the interview for the post of Islamic Studies lecturers. Rehman had filed the petition in 2012 seeking a stay order against the recruitment of non-Muslims as lecturers in Islamic Studies. He had requested the court to declare the notification for interviews void.

It can be assumed that the petitioner, mulla Aziz ur Rehman, had put up his petition to the High Court against PPSC’s call to some Ahmadis for interview who had the required academic qualification and had qualified for the interview.
Ahmadis behind bars

1. The police registered a fabricated case under Anti-terrorism clause ATA 8/11 and PPC 295-A a blasphemy clause, against Mr. Aqib Saleem with FIR no. 553/14 in Police Station Peoples Colony, Gujranwala on July 28, 2014. Bail denied, he is still in prison.

2. A baseless case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad, Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhupura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in police station Sharaqpur. Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassa student while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. They are in prison. Their bails were cancelled.

From the media

Kamra: Unidentified persons shoot dead PAF retired Qadiani Latif Alam Butt

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, October 4, 2014

295/C PPC added to blasphemy case (against Ahmadis in Lahore)

The daily The News; Lahore, October 4, 2014

Two-day Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar on 23, 24 October (Aalami MTKN District Chiniot)

The daily Islam; Lahore, October 16, 2014

Qadiani Jamaat and its auxiliaries are murderers of Muslim Ummah

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 24, 2014

Disclosure: Qadianis burn alive those who convert to Islam. In 2011, Ahmad, Nadeem and Hafeez were burned alive.

The daily Insaf; Lahore, October 12, 2014

Qadiani factor should not be overlooked in cases of blood-letting and terrorism in the country: KM Conference resolution

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, October 25, 2014

Eight troops, 21 ‘militants’ killed (in Khyber Agency)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 30, 2014

Terror again stalks Quetta

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 24, 2014

Seven killed in Peshawar van blast

The daily The News; Lahore, October 3, 2014

Bara suicide blast leaves seven dead

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 16, 2014

Six dead, 17 hurt in Kohat van blast

The daily The News; Lahore, October 5, 2014

Five killed in suicide attack on Hazaras in Quetta

The daily The News; Lahore, October 5, 2014

213 ulama and Zakirs forbidden entry in Sargodha Division

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, October 22, 2014

47 ulama and Zakirs forbidden to enter Chiniot

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 24, 2014

47 ulama forbidden to enter District Sargodha. 60 others told to keep their month shut (Zuban Bandi). (Zuban Bandi)

The daily Islam; Lahore, October 15, 2014

15 respected ulama (Ulama-e-Karam) banned entry in District Hafizabad

The TV channel Aaj News at 07:30 on 27.10.14
Nazims of more than 8000 madrassas express no confidence in Mufti Muneeb (Chairman Moon-Sighting Committee): Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat

*IJT accused of attacking PU teacher’s car*

*Fazal narrowly escapes suicide attack in Quetta*

*Mumtaz Qadri’s release is the demand of the entire nation: AMTKN*

*Western civilization, not Malala has been awarded the Nobel Prize*

*It is impossible to rebut the mischief of Qadianiat till the imposition of Sharia penalty (death) for apostasy*

*General Zia was neither Sadiq (truthful) nor Amin (trustworthy): Supreme Court*

*Extremists are enemies of Islam: Grand Mufti (Hajj sermon)*

*The other name of Gullu Butt is Pakistan: Gullu Butt*

*If Nawaz Sharif is unable to wage Jihad against terrorism, he should resign: Bilawal*

*Taliban assail Nobel decision*

*TTP declares allegiance to IS, global jihad*

*IS is anti-Islamic: Ulema Council*

*The last Chief Justice (If tikhar Chaudhry) destroyed rule of law and mutilated democracy: Asma Jehangir, former President SC Bar Association*

*Bangladesh tribunal sentences Jamaat Chief to death (for crimes against humanity)*

*Saudi lawyers jailed, banned from media over tweets*

*Saudi cleric sentenced to death for ‘sedition’*

*India kills 8 civilians in Sialkot*

*Times have changed, warns Modi*

*Aida is appointed the first ever Muslim woman minister in Sweden*

*Good words for Malala stuck in KP Assembly secretariat. JI opposed to move until pro-Aafia resolution made part of house agenda.*

*350 ulama of Tehrik Ahle Sunnat declare Islamabad sit-ins Haram (illicit)*
PTI’s public meeting turns into tragedy. Stampede at one exit leaves seven dead, 43 injured.

PAT winds up its marathon sit-in

Gunmen slay nine Punjabi labourers in Hub (Baluchistan)

LHC upholds death sentence of Christian woman. Asia Bibi was convicted of blasphemy four years ago.

No non-Muslim can teach Islamic studies: LHC judge

Malala youngest ever Nobel laureate

Malala receives US Liberty award

300,000 people have left Baluchistan, says HRCP Chief

Edhi head office robbed. Armed men point pistol at Abdul Sattar Edhi to get keys of lockers for gold and cash.

**Op-ed: Out of the East came a man**

…..What emerges from all these personal narrations is an image of a man of penetrating intensity, always working, constantly thinking, deeply concerned for the poor, confident and ebullient, yet good-natured and possessed of a deep humility….

Not for nothing did the Nobel Prize-winning discoverer of the neutrino Frederick Reines compose a poem in tribute to Salam, the first stanza of which runs:

“From out of the East there came a man
Who thought to divine the cosmic plan
To unity the hearts of man
And make whole, concepts deep and grand.”

*Kabir Babar in The Friday Times; October 10-16, 2014*

**Op-ed: Religion’s role in state affairs**

Do we not know that there are many shocking examples that prove how religion’s role in state affairs has proved to be more dangerous than cancer, AIDS and Ebola? I am afraid that Pakistan is going to become another Syria or Iraq due to religious fanaticism. After 67 years of independence, we have failed to develop patriotism in our nation due to religious fanaticism. There is news regarding fanatical and sectarian killings every day but nothing is done in this regard to save Pakistan. I am very clear in thinking that the way religion is practiced here in Pakistan, it has turned us away from the modern world. These shocking revelations are a clear sign that the authorities should seriously think about saving our homeland from disintegration.

*The Daily Times; Lahore, October 27, 2014*
Op-ed: Mainstreaming minorities

Every now and then something happens that highlights the precarious situation in which non-Muslim religious minorities are living their life in Pakistan. However, the gloss on the issues of religious minorities proves to be fleeting in nature. The pattern that has emerged from a number of recent incidents is that the government’s interest stays alive in such cases as long as they remain on the radar screen of the media. With the media spotlight having shifted to other issues, things come back to square one with religious minorities living their lives in the grip of fear, intimidation and exploitation….

“…The events of 2010-11 have not occurred in a vacuum and are not atypical of Pakistan reality. These most recent attacks on religious minorities and the state’s tolerance towards this persecution are part of a long-term pattern of state complicity at all levels – judicial, executive and legislative,” the report says.

_Amanat Ali Ch. in the daily Nation; Lahore, October 15, 2014_

Op-ed: Blaspheming Against Humanity

Perhaps the country’s courts, police, Parliament and the public at large should take responsibility for crimes committed against individuals in blasphemy cases. Judges who send both sane and mentally challenged individuals to jails despite insufficient evidence, police officials who negotiate with and protect zealots instead of taking them to task, parliamentarians whose lips remain sealed as tragedies unfold and the people who struggle to express outrage over crimes committed in the name of religion – everyone is responsible and no one is willing to acknowledge it. How we deal with such issues as a country is utterly disgraceful. And when someone actually dares to take a stand, like Salman Taseer, Shahbaz Bhatti and Rashid Rehman – we shoot them dead and become heroes, aspiring more evil and carnage. The country’s elected Prime Minister will not side with the fallen nor will those who wish to oust him. Changing faces, it would appear, will not change the fate of victims.


Annex: Khatme Nabuwat mulla’s curse Edhi
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A pamphlet issued by Khatme Nabuwwat Council, with curses against the renowned charity activist Edhi. (Translation available on p.10)