The Mulla

2018

Demands of the religious lobby and a comment on their essence

Chenab Nagar; December 15, 2017: Markaz Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) Jamia Usmania, Chenab Nagar held its 15th annual conference on 15 December 2017. It was organized by International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement. A mulla from Makka (Saudi Arabia) Asad Mahmud Makki presided over the first session. Mullas of KN organizations and politico-religious parties like JUI-F spoke at the conference.

A detailed report of this conference was published in the daily Islam of December 22, 2017. It mentioned that the amendment to the Election Act 2017 that denied voting rights to Ahmadis was welcomed in the conference. The speakers spoke extensively on foreign affairs and condemned those who violated Palestinians’ rights.

The press reported a long list of demands and resolutions passed in the conference. Here we translate and reproduce only those that were relevant to the Jamaat Ahmadiyya.

1. This conference demands of the Government to take notice of activities that violate PPC 295-C. It should unambiguously declare its commitment to uphold the law on honour of the Prophet; and reject demands of foreign powers, as these demands are an open interference in our national and religious affairs.

2. Despite orders from courts, blasphemous material is available on social media, while hundreds of Qadiani websites are operative freely in Pakistan, that violate Pakistani constitution. This gathering demands that Qadiani websites be shut down. Provocations on social media should be taken note of and those who blaspheme and their supporters should be arrested forthwith and given befitting punishments.

3. Contents of Qadiani channels should be vetted and those violating the country’s constitution and laws should be shut down.

4. This convention demands from authorities that they ought not revert nationalized educational institutions to Qadianis thus causing loss of millions to the national treasury affecting careers of hundreds of teachers and placing thousands of students at the mercy of Qadianis.

5. Sharia punishment of apostasy (death) should be imposed, as recommended by CII.

6. Column of religion should be added to the national identity card so that Qadianis are identified and Muslims’ rights are not usurped.

7. Qadianis have established their own civil court, sessions court, high court and supreme court in Chenab Nagar. These measures amount to ‘a state within state; hence government writ should be imposed in Chenab Nagar. Qadianis should be made to submit to the national law; their parallel courts should be disbanded and the national judicial system should prevail.

Comment: The above demands have been craftily worded to justify them. In fact all these grossly and maliciously violate Ahmadis’ human rights and freedom of religion. Through these demands, the Islamist lobby desires to deprive Ahmadis of whatever little HR and freedom of religion they are left with. Below we paraphrase these demands in simple language and expose briefly their essence, numberwise.
1. This demand requires preservation of country’s existing blasphemy laws. It is relevant to mention that these are not found in the Holy Quran nor in the Sunna.

2. This demand requires Ahmadiyya websites to be shut down in Pakistan. It would violate Ahmadis’ freedom of expression.

3. Closing down Ahmadiyya TV channels would severely violate freedom of religion.

4. This demand is counter to national policy. Reverting Ahmadiyya schools and colleges would in fact save the national treasury a lot of money.

5. This demand is a coded version of mulla’s drive to implement death for change of religion – in violation of even Quranic injunction. Mulla’s understanding of Sharia requires that an apostate should be killed.

6. This demand is plainly for the purpose of discriminating against Ahmadis. The aim is to facilitate denial of rights to them.

7. Ahmadis do have a community system of resolution of disputes through arbitration. It is permitted and it functions under the national law. The mulla’s demand is baseless and simply displays his ill-will against the persecuted community.

In conclusion, the mulla’s campaign is in serious violation of human rights, freedom of religion, social justice and universal norms of good governance. His vision of the contrat social is medieval, bigoted and condemnable.

Maulana Zafar Ali Khan, a prominent Muslim journalist and leader in the Sub-continent in the 20th century wrote:

“I myself am one of the Maulanas, so I am well aware of their essence. I boldly advise Muslims to not allow them even a minute, and push them out of their politics and religion, as they are ignorant of both politics as also of the first principles of religion; they are only experts in deceit (fraib) and fraud (dajal) and are self servers. They are not guides, they are robbers.”

The daily Zamindar, April 15, 1929

Asia Bibi’s acquittal and TLP’s violent response
In June 2009, Asia Bibi was accused of blasphemy after an argument with Muslim co-workers while collecting fruit in a farm. She was subsequently arrested and imprisoned. In November 2010, a session court sentenced her to death. The verdict was upheld by the Lahore High Court.

On October 31, 2018 the Supreme Court of Pakistan acquitted Asia Bibi of the charges. She had spent more than nine years in prison on death row. The decision sparked protests led by Islamist parties especially Tehrik Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) in major cities of the country. Radical Islamists of TLP mounted rallies against the verdict, blocked roads and burned vehicles in protest as they demanded Asia’s execution.

We produce here only two quotes from Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa’s concurring opinion in the SC Judgment:

“20. The glaring and stark contradictions in the evidence produced by the prosecution .... It is equally disturbing to note that the courts below had also, conveniently or otherwise, failed to advert to such contradictions and some downright falsehood. All concerned would have certainly done better if they had paid heed to what Almighty Allah has ordained in the Holy Qu’ran: ...”

“25. It is unfortunate that .... It appears that after an altercation taking place in the field of falsa a feast of falsehood had followed and the Muslim members of the complainant party led by Qari Muhammad Salaam complainant had paid little heed to the following command of Almighty Allah in the Holy Qur’an:....”
The TLP leader Pir Afzal Qadri addressed protestors in Lahore and spoke the unspeakable against the Supreme Court, the Army and the Government. Extract: “These three (SC) judges, according to Sharia are Wajib ul Qatl (must be killed). [The audience responded ‘of course’] If (our) workers cannot have access to them, their drivers should kill them or their security (guards) should kill them. (Now) Gen. Bajwa is in no way acceptable to us. Such a big decision cannot come through without his approval. All generals who are Muslim are responsible to rebel against these generals. There should be a rebellion against Bajwa in the Army. Imran Khan has proved that he is a Jewish child. Imran Khan’s government should be overthrown immediately, and these three (SC) judges be kicked out, and a criminal case should be registered against them. They have defiled the Quran-e-Kareem and Hadees-e-Pak, as also the Namoos-e-Risalat. Khosa is the judge who martyred Hazrat Ghazi Mumtaz Hussain Qadri. At that time, the Ummah committed a lapse; otherwise this judge should have been killed that very day. Do not accept Imran Khan at all. Do not accept Gen. Bajwa at all. Do not accept these three judges at all. We may be jailed for this; of course, we are ready to be locked up. Even if we are shot, we are ready to get shot.”

The daily Jang of November 4 assessed the damage to national economy approximately Rs. 150bn. On November 2, 2018 the government signed an agreement with Tehreek-eb-Labbaik which according to some commentators amounted to ‘surrender’. This was undertaken while the prime minister was away in China. Prior to departure, he had warned the protesters that the state will be tough with those who indulge in rioting.

It is noteworthy that a woman accused of blasphemy, eventually acquitted of the charge, had to wait for nine years in prison on death row to have justice, in our land of the pure.

‘Hundreds of thousands' sacrificed for Khatme Nabuwwat!

Vehari; February 19, 2018: The daily Ausaf of February 19, 2018 reported the following from Vehari, Punjab, dispatched by its correspondent:

Hundreds of thousands sacrificed their lives for Khatme Nabuwwat law; amendment will not be tolerated: Maulana Rafiq Jami (of AMTKN)

Mullas of the end of prophethood factions seem to admire an observation of Adolph Hitler from his book Mein Kampf: “The broad masses of the people... will more easily fall victims to a big lie than to a small one.”

It is true that during the 1953 riots on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat, the authorities had to resort to tough measures to control the riots. As a result some rioters succumbed to police and army firing.

The prestigious document Munir Inquiry Report, long out of print, is again available in the market. It is published by NIAZAMANA PUBLICATIONS, Lahore. Soon after the riots were brought under control by the martial law authorities, the government, appointed Punjab Disturbances Court of Inquiry, Lahore with M. Munir (Chief Justice LHC) as its president and M.R. Kayani (Judge LHC) as member. This Court of Inquiry submitted a detailed report after almost a year of hard work and inquiry. It also recorded all the deaths of rioters in different cities at the hand of law enforcement agencies that included the army and the police. The judges recorded the following deaths:
Lahore – 23; Sialkot – 5; Rawalpindi – 1; Faisalabad (Lyallpur) – 7; Sahiwal (Montgomery) – 1. These add up to a total of 37. The mulls have quoted in the past different figures on different occasions, the highest being 30,000 dead, but they seem to have generally settled on the figure of 10,000 – i.e. 26,900% increase over the actual total. However, now they have taken a huge leap forward and quoted the figure as “hundreds of thousands” (lakhon janon ki qurbanian deen).

Undeserved influence of a non-descript mulla

**Lahore:** Mulla Hasan Muaviya is based in Lahore. He has little standing in the realm of religious knowledge. His only qualification is being a brother of Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi who wields some influence in official circles in the federal capital. Muaviya makes a living from his anti-Ahmadi activism in a Khatme Nabuwwat forum.

He keeps himself busy in sending applications to various state offices to take action against Ahmadis. He also approaches the police to register cases against them.

Muaviya sent a petition to Lahore High Court taking the plea of a government notification whereby various Ahmadiyya publications and Ahmadiyya translations of the Holy Quran were (wrongfully) banned. He accused Ahmadis of continuing the publication, marketing and owning these publications. He accused state agencies of colluding with Ahmadis in violating this notification.

Justice Ali Akbar of Lahore High Court held a hearing of this case on June 1, 2018. Among those present in the court were representatives of high provincial officials like the I.G. Police, Addl. IG Counter-terrorism Department (CTD), Regional Officer CTD Faisalabad, Secretary Home Department, Chairman Quran Board, Secretary Auqaf, Chief Secretary Punjab and Secretary Ministry of Religious Affairs.

It is amazing that mulla Muaviya aka Tooti succeeded in effectuation of such a huge assemblage of officialdom in Lahore High Court.

These officials told the judge that they had repeatedly carried out checks and were satisfied with the state of affairs. Muaviya’s advocate interrogated them extensively and asserted that the officials were not telling the truth and were supporting ‘Qadianis’. The judge told these officials to check further and submit a fresh report by the next hearing on June 6. The urgency and priority accorded to Muaviya’s petition is noteworthy, particular in view of the fact that the mulla was essentially trying to re-ensure denial of freedom of religion to a marginalized group.

The CTD, the police and all concerned submitted their reports to the Home Secretary by due date.

Subsequently, over the fresh reports, the judge gave 12 June as the date of hearing, while the mulls led by Muaviya made the Police and the CTD as the second party, and excluded the Ahmadis. This arrangement raised some concern with Ahmadis, that by excluding them from the case Muaviya had maneuvered to obtain a judicial ruling in their absence. As such, the Ahmadis’ attorney applied that Ahmadis be made a party to the hearing.

Later, on June 13 the judge decided to hear the case in his chamber rather than in open court.

In the chamber, the Ahmadis’ attorney joined the proceedings to which Muaviya’s attorney objected strongly. Ahmadis replied that the case primarily is anti-Ahmadiyya and they have not been made a party; that was unfair, that is why they had applied to be made a party to the case.

At this the judge told Ahmadis’ attorney to use his head (Aap log aqal sey kam lein) and file a separate appeal. The attorney took exception to this remark and ‘advice’, and requested instead a ruling on his plea. In response the judge stated that he would not hear this case and would send it back to the Chief Justice to reconsider its allocation.
Reality about leading mulls of TLYR

Supreme Court takes action

Islamabad; March 19, 2018: It would be recalled that the leadership of Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasoolullah (TLYR) had undertaken a sit-in (Dharna) at Faizabad (entry to Islamabad) in November last year. The protestors were semi-violent and had partly choked public entry to the capital. The leading mulls Khadim Hussain Rizvi etc had taken up End of Prophethood as the cause célèbre for their agitation. The sit-in caused great hardship to people of the twin-cities and eventually succeeded in imposing total surrender on spineless government over Ahmadiyya right of vote, denied through the tool of Khatme Nabuwwat. Nearly four months later, the real face of agitators was exposed in the Supreme Court and an Anti-terrorism Court. We produce below only the headlines from the daily Jang of March 20, 2018:

Arrest and present Khadim Hussain Rizvi: Orders Anti-terrorism Court

What are his sources of income? Why the (Intelligence) Agency has not written that he lives on others’ money? Supreme Court

Khadim Rizvi is corrupt. He amassed Rs 10 million prior to the sit-in. Asif Jalali is implicated in extremist activities. Punjab government made no effort to stop the protestors: ISI Report

Orders issued to arrest Pir Afzal Qadri

According to a vernacular press report (extract):

Court expresses displeasure over incomplete challan against the accused

It was difficult to create Pakistan; it is easy to destroy it. Properties worth billions destroyed. These people do not know what this guy does. I feel scared to learn of the competence of the leading secret service of the country: Justice Qazi Faez’s remarks.

The ISI report categorized (Mulla) Asif Jalali as ‘opportunist’, ‘manipulator’, and ‘dubious on principled stance’. The report described Khadim Rizvi as one who usually violates rules and regulations, with the capability to instigate or mobilize youth for a religious cause. Reportedly he was the mastermind behind torturing the participants in a ceremony held at Liberty Chowk Lahore to commemorate the death anniversary of Governor Taseer, it stated.

It is relevant to mention that the government had undertaken an Agreement with these mulls; most of its terms and conditions were anti-Ahmadiyya, and the authorities have already implemented some of these, including the denial of voting right, celebrating 2018 as the End of Prophethood Year, etc.

A fresh agreement between the government and TLYR

Lahore; April 14, 2018: The daily The Nation reported the following story:

TLYR calls off protest after deal with govt

LAHORE- The government signed five-point agreement with Tehreek Labbaik Ya Rasoolullah (TLYR) in the wee hours of Friday that paved way for ending countrywide protests which practically brought the life to a standstill. Addressing a press conference, TLYR leaders said that the government has provided a sealed copy of Raja Zafar-ul-Haq report which would be opened after the orders of Islamabad High Court hearing case of 21-day sit-in at Faizabad, Rawalpindi.

The government also provided copy of FIR registered with Sadiqabad Police Station Rawalpindi on deaths of protestors.

The government had already agreed to the demand of allowing four speakers at a mosque for Azaan and sermon.

The government has also constituted an Inquiry Board/JIT to probe the causes of Faizabad tragedy. Two members of TLYR would be part of the JIT.
The government has also agreed that Law Minister Rana Sanaullah would appear before a panel of seven Muftis of TLYR on an agreed time for explaining his controversial interview in which he allegedly violated the Constitutional status of Qadianis in the country.

According to the agreement, Rana Sanaullah would abide by whatever the Fatwa issued by the panel of Muftis on the matter.

After approval of the agreement by shoora, TLYR announced calling off protest that returned normalcy at inter and intra city roads across the country.

Note: A similar agreement had been signed by the government with TLYR in November last year. On that the Dawn of November 15, 2017 made the following editorial comment: The capital under siege. It is apparent that the country’s civil and military leadership has never taken counter-extremism policies seriously. That may be either out of political expediency or a fear of backlash or both. It may be true that the situation is not yet completely out of control, but continuing with the current state of inaction could create a very dangerous situation and reverse the gains made in the battle against terrorism....It is a tragic commentary on our state policy which gives such leeway to a group that glorifies a murderer and exhorts its supporters to follow his example. The siege of Islamabad gives some insight into the shape of things to come.

However, the authorities surely took some steps to implement the agreement, including declaring the year 2018 as the ‘Year of Awareness of the End of Prophethood.’ This agreement signaled further the strangling of the state and society through bigotry.

Ahmadi community on ‘hit-cum-action list’

Lahore: Security squads carried out a successful anti-terrorism operation in the second week of May in Railways’ zone in Lahore. They made a few arrests including facilitators, and recovered arms, munitions and suicide jackets. The terrorists disclosed inter alia that Qadianis were their targets, and they had carried out the needed reconnaissance. They planned their attacks in the month of Ramadan, it was learnt.

Women mobilized on anti-Ahmadi front

Chiniot; February 2018: Having sufficient funds (in petro-dollars) and enjoying permissive policy of the government the sectarian Khatme Nabuwat Centre in Chenab Nagar held a one-week course for women only, on the issue of End of Prophethood (read anti-Ahmadiyya). The daily Pakistan reported on the course on its termination, in its issue of February 23, 2018. Following was reported in this story, inter alia:

- 46 women participated in the course.
- The concluding ceremony was addressed by:
  1. Qari Rafiq Nafeesi, Chairman Anwaar Khatme Nabuwat Trust
  2. Haji Mehboob Ahmad, of IKNM
  3. Qari Abdul Karim Naqshbandi
- The speakers said:
  - The belief in End of Prophethood (KN) is life and death issue of the Muslim Ummah.
  - Defense of KN is not of intellect, it is (of heart) related to love and devotion to the Holy Prophet.
  - Any change in KN laws is playing with fire and blood.
Die-hard Qadianis in government service exploit self-serving faithless politicians. These politicians who pride in befriending Qadianis should know that their friendship is more dangerous than their enmity. No evil power, including the US, can make any change to constitutional position of Qadianis.

**Deadly attack on the Interior Minister, and the Tehrik Labbaik**

*Lahore:* Federal Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal was seriously injured in murderous attack in District Narowal on May 6, 2018. The assailant was arrested on the spot.

Two days later, the daily Mashriq reported the following on May 8 in a follow-up report (Translation):

“**The accused attacked after getting motivated by speeches of Tehrik Labbaik: Report**

“The accused is linked with Tehrik Labbaik. Abid targeted the Interior Minister over controversial amendment (to Khatme Nabuwwat rules): Deputy Commissioner.

“We do not support violence. The government should hold judicial inquiry: Khadim Hussain Rizvi, Pir Afzal Qadri”

**Ahmadis harassed by TLYR – avoid being attacked**

*Lathianwala, Faisalabad; June 9, 2018:* On June 9, 2018 Ahmadi youths of Lathianwala, Faisalabad undertook voluntary work at the Ahmadiyya graveyard. On conclusion while returning home, Muhammad Asif a worker of Tehrik e Labbaik Ya Rasul Allah (TLYR) hit an Ahmadi youth with his bike intentionally. They exchanged hot words. Asif, on reaching the village, mustered a number of sympathizers and attacked the Ahmadi’s house. Fortunately some decent fellows intervened and the brawl did not worsen.

The police were informed of the incident and they reached the scene with a heavy contingent. The police called both parties to the police station the next day. There the SHO heard both the parties and gave his decision against Asif and his fellow mobsters. At this Asif sought pardon, and Ahmadis were happy to oblige.

**Sectarian tension in District Khushab – cause of great concern**

*District Khushab, Punjab:* Members of the Ahmadiyya Community are facing extreme hostility in District Khushab in general, and in Quaidabad in particular.

Miscreants, led by mulla Athar Hussain, continue to severely harass Ahmadis individually and as a community. They have compiled a list of all the Ahmadi men with their workplace addresses and circulated it urging the locals to socially boycott them. Mulas have been requested to mention them by name in their sermons and speeches for follow-up action. Ahmadis have been declared *Wajib ul qatl* (must be killed) through *fatwas* (edicts) of extremist ulama.

Such speeches were subsequently made and published in the local vernacular press. A special Khatme Nabuwwat conference was also held.

These activists have contacted proprietors of houses and shops rented by Ahmadis and urged them to tell them to evacuate. School-owners have been asked to expel Ahmadi children. Stickers have been put up in restaurants and business centres to not admit Ahmadis. Ahmadis face problems at times in buying essential items like vegetables, fruits and miscellaneous items of daily needs. They feel their lives are at risk.

It should be pointed out that mulla Athar Shah resided at Takht Hazara in District Sargodha prior to settling in Quaidabad. There he precipitated a riot in which five Ahmadis were killed and
numerous injured. The mulla and his colleagues were booked by the police and punished by a court on findings of guilty.

This mulla's hostile activities succeeded in depriving Ahmadis of their mosque in village Chak 2/TDA, District Khushab.

This mulla, in league with his acolytes Shamsul Arifeen, Tahir ur Rehman, Zain ul Abideen, Allah Bux etc is busy in their anti-Ahmadiyya provocative and harmful activities. This could lead to violent agitation with frightful consequences. Apparently no action has been taken by the administration to deter him from such activities; hence the hype.

Ahmadi harassed by mob for reporting to the police

Adda Loharan Wali Khoi, District Pakpattan; August 24, 2018: The local mulla bad mouthed Ahmadiyya community in his Friday Sermon. He called Ahmadis Wajib ul Qatl (must be killed), urged their boycott and incited the worshippers against them. The DPO Pakpattan was informed and he told the SHO to intervene. The police arrested the mulla.

Over this arrest, a crowd of approximately 1000 people assembled and took out a procession in protest. They blocked the road in front of the house of a local Ahmadi Mr Tariq Mahmood and burnt tires, etc. According to the participants of the procession, Mr Mahmood informed the police about the Friday sermon of the mulla for which he was arrested; so they would not let him live there. The procession stayed on and offered their Maghrib prayer there. The police arrived at the spot and dispersed the procession. The processionists demanded that Mr Mahmood be handed over to them or the person be named who reported the mulla to the police. The police controlled the situation.

Mullas promote disturbance

Bhera, District Sargodha; September 2018: An Ahmadi, Mr. Tariq Javed made a business deal with his cousin Mr. Mazhar Iqbal who is not an Ahmadi. The former bought Iqbal a few cattle for production of milk etc. to eventually share the profit between them. Mr. Iqbal sold away some cattle and did not reimburse any amount to Mr. Javed. When Javed asked for the money and the cattle, Iqbal refused to give him anything and gave a religious twist to the dispute. He turned to local mullas for help from the pulpit. Mullas were happy to oblige and agitated the public.

Mr. Javed got upset and approached the authorities with facts of the case. They were helpful and registered an FIR against Mazhar Iqbal to restore law and order. The mullas were impressed by the firm administrative action and decided to distance themselves from their fellow Iqbal.

Peace returned to the village in no time.

A senior mulla exposes another senior mulla

Chiniot; October 2018: Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti, a PML-N MPA from Chiniot was confronted by authorities about an issue of land-grab for his madrassah. We do not go into that, but reproduce here only an extract from a statement issued by Maulvi Khalil Ahmad Ashrafi, manager of the madrassah Jamia Arabia Chiniot challenging Ilyas Chinioti and blaming him of telling lies, and exposing the latter’s normal operating procedure, (translation):

*Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti MPA Chiniot is bent upon telling lies. He uses an excellent tool to blackmail officials by calling them pro-Ahmadi. Also, he dubs his opponents as pro-Ahmadi. Maulana Muhammad Ilyas, for how long will you persist in telling lies, and will continue to blackmail officials by dubbing them pro-Ahmadi? A day will come when you will be presented in Divine court where you will be exposed fully. I say it again; if you are truthful, have a prayer duel with me. This is an open challenge. Also, stop blackmailing officials*
and the public in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat (end of prophethood). Allah hits hard without making a sound (Lathi bey awaz hai).”

Unfortunately the above is not applicable only to Mulla Ilyas Chinioti; it is applicable to a vast number of ulama and others who play politics in the name of end of prophethood.

**Ahmadis wrongfully accused of blasphemy by a mulla**

*Mughalpura, Lahore; October 30, 2018:* An unknown person threw pages of the Holy Quran in a blue shopping bag on road near G.T. Road Darogawala Chowk, Lahore. A few pages scattered on the surface as well. People collected them and took them to the Imam of a nearby madrassah. The mulla gathered a few students, came out of the madrassah and started protesting in the name of blasphemy. They blocked the road for all traffic. Approximately 150 agitators gathered there. They maliciously accused Ahmadis of this act and raised slogans; “Friend of Qadianis – A traitor, a traitor.” They refused to disperse until an FIR was registered. Local DSP came at the site and registered an FIR against unknown persons. He gave its copy to the protestors who thereafter dispersed.

**Extremists threaten LUMS University of consequences**

*Lahore; October 21, 2018:* Pakistan Today reported the following (Extract):

Lahore: After the Beaconhouse School System, the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) has also come under threat from the extremist elements.

A message, circulating on social media and SMS, warns the management of LUMS that a campaign will be launched against the varsity for its supposed ‘anti-Islam’ activities.

The warning message, which is making the rounds in social media, mentions a recent extra curricular visit by students of LUMS to the city of Rabwah, the headquarters of the Ahmadiyya community, as the reason for the threat.

According to the details, LUMS Assistant Professor of Political Science Taimur Rehman took one of his classes to Rabwah and to interact with the Ahmadiyya community in a bid to know the persecuted community better.

“In an environment where religious groups are spreading hate against the persecuted Ahmadiyya community, me and my students decided to go to Rabwah to express solidarity with the community” explained Prof Rehman in response to the criticism on social media.

The trip involved students interacting with the residents of Rabwah and trying to get to know and understand the community, their beliefs and problems.

However, after the local news agency of the town ‘Rabwah Times’ reported the incident, a great hue and cry was made with a number of people saying that the visit was a conspiracy meant to mainstream the Ahmadiyya movement.

This was followed by the circulation of threats against Prof Rehman, his students, and the LUMS administration. …


**A few more reports from the provincial capital, Lahore**

- TLYR arranged an Iftar party inviting people from Mughalpura, Baghbanpura and Gulshan Park. They used the occasion to agitate the invitees on the issue of end of prophethood, and told them to be prepared to make sacrifices for this cause. They were told that TLYR is committed to bring a revolution in society, and as the country belongs to Muslims, no Non-Muslim will be tolerated here.
The election campaign of Allama Khadim Hussain Rizvi was run by him in the name of religion and end of prophethood.

- Aalami Majlis Tahafuzz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) held an Iftar party at their centre in Lahore. Leading mullas, based in Lahore, attended it. These included Azizur Rahman Sani, Jamilur Rehman Akhtar, Qari Abid, Maulvi Tahir etc. They made anti-Ahmadiyya speeches at the occasion. Their main theme was total social boycott of Ahmadis as that would hurt them most in their opinion. The mulla insisted that such a boycott would please the Holy Prophet greatly. The leaders urged guests to beware of Qadianis, strengthen their bonds with the KN centre and work harder in the service of end of prophethood.

Social peace disturbed by a mulla

Kachelu Chak 270A, Distt. Mir Pur Khas; March 2018: Kachelu Chak was a peaceful abode of approximately 3000 inhabitants. Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis lived peacefully. The local mulla took to sectarianism against the Ahmadiyya community at the occasion of funeral service of a local. He followed it up with a Friday sermon on March 2 in which he urged the worshipers to implement a social boycott of Ahmadis. As a result the village split into two groups, pro-mulla and pro-harmony.

Ahmadis felt concerned and approached some influential persons of the area to intervene. These nobles met the mulla and advised him to refrain from destroying the village peace. The mulla retracted from previous stand and made amends. The situation improved.

The rapist and murderer – a fake Islamist

Kasur; 2018: The police eventually succeeded in arresting the murderer of 7-year old Zainab of Kasur, after a hectic search. The accused Imran, according to press report in the daily Mashriq of January 25, admitted raping 10 girls and killing some of them. A noteworthy aspect of his character is his religious pretence.

The daily reported that Imran claimed to belong to sufi groups Naqashbandi, Qadri. He is a member of Tahrik Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) and Awami Tahrik (PAT). TLP is the politico-religious party that held the sit-in in Islamabad on the issue of End of Prophethood and denial of voting rights to Ahmadis. He was known in the neighborhood as a Sanakhawn (singer of praises of holy personages). He is a fiery speaker and a competent stage secretary of religious functions like Milad. He knows how to agitate the audience through rhetoric and slogans. He stood in the front row at the funeral prayer of his victim, Zainab.

He was found guilty of raping and killing of at least seven minor girls. He was sentenced to death and hanged.