



Executive Summary

This month's issue looks at the kidnapping of an Ahmadi Muslim, conspiracies to commit murder and widespread anti-Ahmadiyya propaganda.

This issue will also report on a number of incidents where anti-Ahmadiyya extremists have systematically targeted Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan and how this persecution is now being exported to the UK.

Police continue to charge Ahmadi Muslims based on false allegations that Ahmadi Muslims have contravened anti-Ahmadiyya laws. We also report on a police ban preventing Ahmadi Muslims from practising an Eid ritual.

We conclude with a statistical analysis of persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan and a selection of news articles.

EDITORIAL

In the last decade Pakistan has been troubled by terrorism, instability and a lack of education. Extremism in Pakistan remains vigorous and continues largely unchecked. Ahmadi Muslims, Christians, Hindus, and other minorities suffer severe persecution with State Authorities either unable or unwilling to bring perpetrators to justice. The law has failed victims of religious persecution. Critically, failures in Pakistan's education system remain a prominent contributory factor.

Whilst the recent media coverage surrounding the Nobel Prize being awarded to Malala Yousafzai reminds the nation of its duties to promote peace through education, neither the Nobel Prize being awarded to a Pakistani, nor the persecution she faced are unique - regrettably, there are many 'Malalas' in Pakistan.

In 1979, Professor Dr. Abdus Salam, a prominent Ahmadi Muslim, became Pakistan's first Nobel laureate making contributions to Physics. Yet, despite his internationally recognised contributions to Pakistan, science and education, his achievements and indeed many others made by Ahmadi Muslims are deliberately omitted from the school curriculum solely because of their faith.

Instead of Pakistan celebrating its Nobel laureate, Salam was forced to live in exile. In the present day, the word "Muslim" has been removed from Salam's grave.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation confirm that Pakistan has the second largest number of children out of school. It is estimated that around 5 million children do not have access to education. Despite this startling 2012 statistic, the Pakistani government's expenditure on education has fallen in the last decade. That represents fertile ground for extremists. With the literacy rate reported at only 55% of the population, extremist religious clerics often fill this void, inciting uneducated masses into committing atrocities against Ahmadi Muslims.

The United States Commission of International Religious Freedom study on Public Schools and Madrassas in Pakistan, "*Connecting the Dots: Education and Religious Discrimination in Pakistan*" finds that minorities are widely discriminated against in the education system: "*There is compelling evidence that the non-Muslim law, created for Ahmadis, is being used to discriminate against other minorities in Pakistan. By these acts, Pakistani political leadership has undermined the tolerance once enjoyed amongst the various sects and religious minorities in Pakistan in order to appease a few politically powerful religious parties.*"

The State must take responsibility for ensuring that the educational system in Pakistan favours the majority and not the marginal extremists who have for far too long hijacked the safety and aspirations of the people of Pakistan.

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER

The continued failure of authorities to arrest and prosecute perpetrators of violence against Ahmadi Muslims is an aggravating factor in continued attacks by Anti-Ahmadiyya extremists. In this month's edition we report on two cases where the lives of Ahmadi Muslims came under threat.

PAKISTAN'S TALIBAN THREATEN TO KILL AHMADI MUSLIM MAN

An Ahmadi Muslim in Lahore, Pakistan, received a death threat from Tehrik-e-Taliban. The threat was delivered in the form of a letter on 7th October 2014. Contained within the letter were bullets and a direct threat to him and his family's life.

Tehrik-e-Taliban stated that if the Ahmadi Muslim did not become a "true Muslim" then he would "meet the same fate as the other infidels of your Ahmadi community... Remember that the punishment of your sin is only death."



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- Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan leader's 'death threat letter' to Ahmadi Muslim

The Ahmadi Muslim was also informed that his and his family's details had been forwarded to several terrorist groups and he was challenged to seek personal security. The letter ended with the ultimatum that "with this Kufr [Infidel] you will not be able to survive".

FAISALABAD TEACHER THREATENED

Following an anti-Ahmadiyya conference, an Ahmadi Muslim teacher was threatened by an armed mob in Faisalabad, Pakistan. The mob went to a local government school and demanded the head teacher "to hand" the Ahmadi Muslim teacher to them. When the head teacher threatened to call the police the mob dispersed, demanding

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the head teacher sack the Ahmadi Muslim teacher. Extremist religious clerics in the country often encourage killing Ahmadi Muslims, targeting those in professions and in senior roles. The victim, 50, was rushed to hospital but succumbed to his injuries en route. He leaves behind his wife and four children.

CULTURAL PERSECUTION

Cultural persecution is an aspect of culture exemplified by an ideology that is used to justify and legitimise direct or structural violence. For Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan, it means persecution by extremists is becoming so common that it infects every aspect of Ahmadi Muslims' lives. The result is that, in some sections of society, persecution of Ahmadi Muslims is now an accepted part of social practice.

GUNMEN ABDUCT AHMADI MUSLIM MAN FROM HIS HOME

An Ahmadi Muslim was confronted and kidnapped at gunpoint by two anti-Ahmadiyya extremists. The Ahmadi Muslim was returning home when the two men, standing outside his house, confronted him. Although police have been made aware of the situation, the victim has not yet been located. The kidnappers have not made contact with the family.

KHATME NABUWWAT HOLD ANTI-AHMADIYYA CONFERENCE

The extremist group, Khatme Nabuwwat, prominently known for its anti-Ahmadiyya conferences promoting violence, held a conference in Rabwah, Pakistan on 23rd and 24th October 2014. The conference was attended by approximately 10,000 clerics from various countries, including India, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, among others.

Numerous speakers, some of whom have been banned by the government in other parts of Pakistan, spoke at the conference. Despite a request by Ahmadi Muslims to prevent the campaign conference from being organised, police instead offered protection to the event. The organisers spread anti-Ahmadiyya literature among the attendees with speeches delivering messages of hate against the Ahmadi Muslims, lasting until 2.30am.

Among the many baseless claims made by the congregation, the Ahmadi Muslim community was accused of creating a war between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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His Holiness Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's claims of being the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi were declared false; and Ahmadi Muslims were accused of being agents of Jews, and of committing genocide against Muslims. One speaker falsely acclaimed that "*Qadianis in the Israeli Army are involved in the cannibalistic genocide of innocent Muslims of Palestine.*"

Further demands were made to ban Ahmadi Muslims in the world, dismiss all Ahmadi Muslims holding positions in Pakistani public offices, clear Ahmadi Muslim mosques of "Israeli weaponry" and to close all non-governmental Ahmadi Muslim organisations.

The congregation was actively encouraged by the speakers to punish Ahmadi Muslims with death for apostasy. The local populations, 95% of whom are Ahmadi Muslims, were forced to keep women and children indoors among fears of safety.

Such anti-Ahmadiyya conferences and divisive propaganda serves to increase the hatred and violence against innocent Ahmadi Muslims whose *modus operandi* has always been the peaceful practice of Islam.

PAKISTANI CLERICS EXPORTING EXTREMISM TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

On 11th September 2014, Daily Islam, a newspaper in Lahore, Pakistan, published an article stating Pakistani Khatme Nabuwwat clerics had travelled to Birmingham, England, to hold a conference at the Birmingham Central Mosque, which was attended "by thousands".

British and Pakistani clerics gathered together at the event, at which speakers described Ahmadi Muslims as "traitors" to Pakistan and delivered speeches filled with anti-Ahmadiyya indoctrination.

STATE INVOLVEMENT IN PERSECUTION

POLICE ARREST AHMADI MUSLIMS

Three Ahmadi Muslims were arrested in June 2014 after a property dispute arose between a local Muslim and an Ahmadi Muslim in Gujranwala, Pakistan. In order to deal with the dispute, the local resorted to misusing anti Ahmadi laws and accused the Ahmadi Muslim of preaching Islam through the use of loudspeakers. The Ahmadi Muslims were placed under arrest and imprisoned pending trial. Although the resultant police investigation was unable to recover any loudspeakers from the accused, judges refused to award bail to the Ahmadi Muslim defendants until they were released by the High Court on 25th September 2014.

POLICE JOIN CAMPAIGN AGAINST AHMADI MUSLIMS

The police in Lahore, Pakistan, have forbidden Ahmadi Muslims from making the ritual Eid sacrifice and distributing the meat to the poor after receiving complaints from local anti-Ahmadiyya extremists. Moreover, the police have travelled to Ahmadi Muslim houses with clerics to confirm that no sacrifice has occurred.

POLICE KILLING: AFTERMATH

An Ahmadi Muslim man was falsely accused of blasphemy and murdered while in police custody on 16th May 2014.

Rather than protecting Ahmadi Muslims, local police in Bhogiwala, Pakistan, arrested three more Ahmadi Muslims on 18th July 2014 on baseless blasphemy cases. The three individuals remain imprisoned.

SELECTED MEDIA REPORTS

Gambian cleric calls for the expulsion of Ahmadis

Joll of News

<http://www.jollofnews.com/index.php/national-news/human-rights/578-gambian-cleric-calls-for-the-expulsion-of-ahmadis>

Gujrat Police track down militant

Dawn

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1145482/gujrat-police-track-down-militant>

Poison in the body politic

The News Pakistan

<http://tns.thenews.com.pk/poison-in-body-politic-and-the-ahmadi-issue/#.VHheKPmsVCI>

Imams failing young Britons, says Ahmadiyya Muslim leader

The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/nov/15/islam-mosque-imam-ahmadiyya-isis>

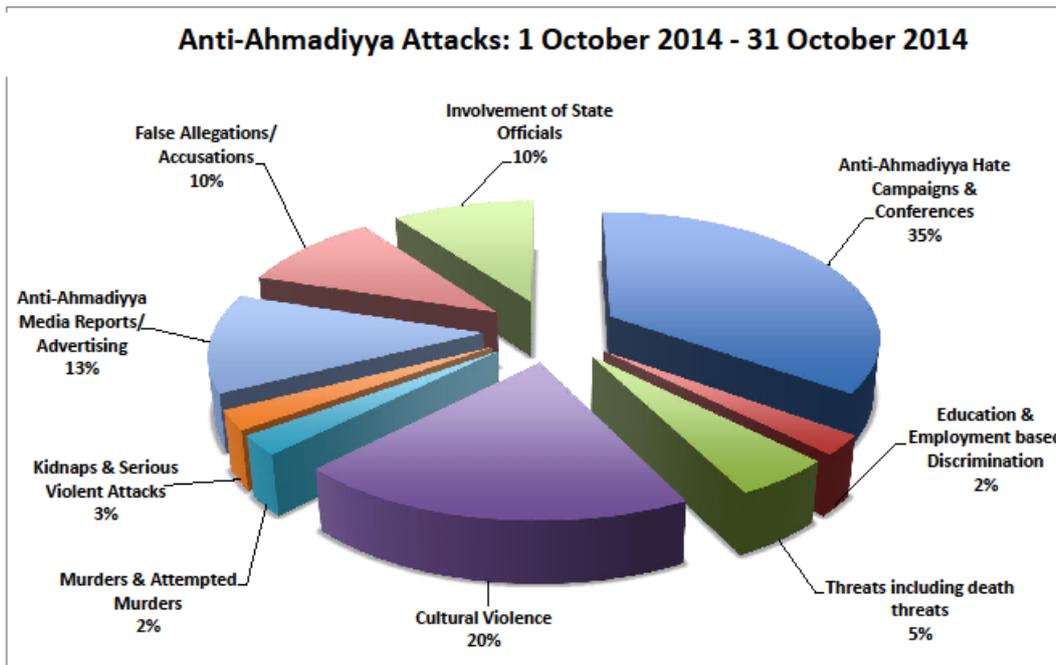
Takfirization of Pakistan

Huffington Post

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/liaquat-ali-khan/takfirization-of-pakistan_b_6164346.html

Anti-Ahmadiyya Attacks: October 2014

(Formal Incident Reports only)



Audited primary and secondary reports received in respect of victims of Anti-Ahmadiyya persecution in Pakistan

ABOUT THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Founded in 1889 by its founder Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{pbuh} who claimed to be the Promised Messiah and Mahdi awaited by all major religions, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is now established in 206 countries with tens of millions of adherents worldwide. Its motto is *“Love for All, Hatred for None.”*

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the largest organised Muslim Community in the world and is led by a system of spiritual Successorship known as Khilafat. Its current Khalifa is the Fifth Successor to the Promised Messiah; his name is His Holiness, Mirza Masroor Ahmad. His title is Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V.

Ahmadi Muslims believe the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian to be a non-law bearing Prophet who came in servitude of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{pbuh}. They also believe the conditions requiring violent Jihad no longer exist. As a result of its beliefs, members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community are severely persecuted by radical groups in some, mostly Muslim, countries often with the support of government. In Pakistan, specific legislation (Ordinance XX, s298 Pakistan Penal Code) has been passed which criminalises the practice of Islam by Ahmadi Muslims. This has resulted in hundreds of murders of Ahmadi Muslims and thousands of instances of violence. In contravention of Article 25 of the ICCPR, Ahmadi Muslims are denied many of their civil rights, including the right to vote without distinction on the basis of religion or other status.

This newsletter aims to provide short summaries of the regular denial of human rights suffered by Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan and elsewhere where persecution is most widespread.



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