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Ahmadi faces deadly blasphemy clause

Tandlianwala; District Faisalabad; January 20, 2018: Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich has been falsely charged under PPC 295-C with FIR no. 645 in Tandlianwala police station on January 20, 2018. Mr. Waraich was taken into police custody before the registration of the case.

In fact Mr. Waraich had an argument with a local shopkeeper over an anti-Ahmadiyya sticker. Both parties made peace. However, later a mulla intervened, he went to the police station, fabricated a long story and insisted that the police register a case under PPC 295-C. This was followed by street agitation. The police obliged the bigot.

The complaint made in the FIR is a bunch of lies. It registers the statement of the complainant as, “The accused was openly making blasphemous comments against King of Khatme Nabuwwat. He even said that their prophet Mirza Ghulam Qadiani is superior to Muslims’ Prophet. He stoned the sticker on the door on which the sacred writing King of Khatme Nabuwwat – Zindah Baad was written, and said, “Go ahead. Do what you can to me.” While he said that he kept abusing the Holy Prophet. This incited the sentiments of Muslims and promoted severe agitation.” This is utter nonsense as the alleged statements are against the Ahmadiyya faith, belief and practice.

Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich is a brother of Mr. Dawood Ahmad the president of the local Ahmadiyya community. There are only three Ahmadi families in the village. The mullas agitated the public, so an angry mob tried to attack the local Ahmadies’ houses, but on intervention of some elders, no harm ensued. Ahmadi families had to be relocated to avoid further exposure to violence and harm.

It seems that now if an Ahmadi protests against an anti-Ahmadiyya hateful sticker, he runs the risk to his life at the hand of the state, and his family suffers major dislocation. Reminds one of Rohingyas!

Provincial minister threatens murder – personally

Lahore; January 24, 2018: On 24th January 2018, in an Urdu current affairs talk-show on TV Channel 24, Mr Zaeem Qadri, Punjab Minister of Religious Affairs asserted that he will personally strangle (galaa dabaunga) any Ahmadi who peddles the Ahmadiyya translation of the Holy Quran.

Among other participants in this program in which Dr Danish was acting as anchor, one was Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi, the chair of the Pakistan Ulama Council. With reference to his brother (who is a full time anti-Ahmadi activist, and has been investigated by the police for criminal conduct), Ashrafi demanded Mr Zaeem Qadri to take action against Ahmadis who were marketing the Holy Quran with Ahmadiyya translation. This was a false complaint, as, because of the law, this Quran is no longer available in the market in Pakistan.

In reply to Maulvi Ashrafi’s allegation, the minister said, “The mentioned Quran has been banned, police raids have been undertaken, presses have been sealed and people have been booked (by the police). ... If someone still distributes this Quran, I'll personally strangle him.”

He further elaborated upon this theme and said, “… As for me, I am not prepared to give the Ahmadis even their rights granted by the Constitution to Non-Muslims.”

This hate-filled dialogue was not interrupted by the anchor, who even encouraged it, and the channel management decided not to delete this content. This was serious violation of the declared state policy on sectarian issues.

Attack on Ahmadi’s residence

Chak 563 GB, District Faisalabad; January 7, 2018: Opponents of the Ahmadiyya community held here a Mehfile Milad (a religious gathering). Approximately 150 men came from Ganga Pur, and when in front of the house of Chaudhry Aslam, an Ahmadi, they raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans. After no response from the
house, they started abusing the residents of the house. At this Mr. Rafi son of Ch. Aslam came out and told them to stop. The miscreants grabbed him and precipitated a quarrel. His son and nephews also came out to rescue him. The miscreants then started pelting stones on their house. In the face of worsening situation three shots were fired in the air to disperse them. At this they ran away. The Ahmadis informed the police who arrived the next day to compile their report. No follow-up action was taken.

Opponents announced holding another Mehfil Milad on January 14. Ahmadis informed the police.

**Federal government proceeds with implementing the Agreement made with Dharna mullas of the TLY**

**Islamabad; January 16, 2018:** The mullas of TLY lifted the sit-in (Dharna) at Faizabad, Islamabad after an agreement with the government, that the daily Dawn assessed as a ‘surrender so abject that the mind is numb and heart sinks’ of those who uphold the writ of the state. The agreement comprised half a dozen terms. We expressed our concern in December 2017 report as, “Ahmadis are worried. They think that while the contending parties could well renege on various clauses of their ‘agreements’ both will happily comply with those terms that will further curb the human rights and freedom of religion of Ahmadis.” Our concerns were not misplaced; the follow-up events prove.

Soon after the signing of the agreement, the federal ministry of religious affairs announced that year 2018 would be celebrated as one for ‘Awareness of End of Prophethood.’ While the mullas are accusing the government of reneging on some of its important undertakings in the agreement, the ministry of religious affairs is proceeding full speed ahead with the Khatme Nabuwwat agenda. It advertised in the press ‘holding of a competition in writing thesis’ on the subject of: *End of Prophethood and Muslims’ responsibilities – in the Light of Teachings of the Holy Prophet P.B.U.H.*

The ad lays down basic terms and conditions for the competitors, and requires them to submit their theses to the ministry by March 20, 2018. It advises that for further details official websites [www.mora.gov.pk](http://www.mora.gov.pk) and [www.ppra.org.pk](http://www.ppra.org.pk) may be downloaded.

The title of the theme of the thesis is noteworthy for its goading and aggravation. It comes from a government that expresses commitment to National Action Plan!

Copy of this ad is reproduced at annex I to this report.

**Livelihood and food deprived over faith**

**Khoski; Badin, January 18, 2018:** Mr Suleman Ahmad is an Ahmadi resident of Khoski, Badin. Two years ago he worked in Dairy Land Company, Karachi as a supplier of milk. He availed a month’s leave for his wedding. On return he found another man working at his place. That person acted hostile to Ahmad and incited the owner against him for his faith. As a result, the company laid him off.

After remaining jobless for some months, Mr Ahmad came to know of a Chinese company. He applied and got a job there. On his first day, the clerk told him that the army office had sent for him. When he appeared before the army officer, the following conversation took place between them.

**Officer:** Who are you? Where are you from?
**Mr Ahmad:** I am a Muslim.
**Officer:** What kind?
**Mr Ahmad:** I am an Ahmadi.
**Officer:** What does that mean?
**Mr Ahmad:** Ahmadis are those whom you call Qadiani or Mirzai.
**Officer:** Whom do you believe?
**Mr Ahmad:** We believe in Allah the Almighty, His messenger Muhammad (PBUH), and the
Mahdi prophesised by Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH).

After this he returned home. The next day his CNIC, identity card was taken. The clerk told him that they did not hire even a Christian there, and the army office would like him fired from the job. “As such you should leave or enter another form with faith as Sunni,” he said. Mr Ahmad refused his offer and said that he would not tell a lie for a job. He could not depart as they did not return his CNIC. When they returned his CNIC, they stopped his meal from the canteen. They told the canteen owner that he was a Mirzai and was to be refused food from there. Mr Ahmad had got his CNIC back; he quit.

KPK government extends help to mullas

Noshehra; January 11, 2017: The daily Dunya published this report from its representative in Noshehra, (extracts): Mr. Pervez Khattak, the chief minister, while addressing a get-together at Manki Sharif on the occasion of Khatmal Quran under Jamaat Ishaat al Toheed wal Sunnat, said that the provincial government is not only determined to revive Islamic tradition and to promote Islamic teachings, but also has taken firm steps in this regard. The provincial government has made Khatme Nabuwwat a part of school syllabus so as to fortify this belief in the younger generation. As compared to other sectors, Ulama who serve the cause of religion have greater claim on our services, he said.

Unlawful demands of police

Ghatyalian; Distt. Sialkot, January 13, 2018: A police ASI and an ISI official came to Ghatyalian and asked the local president of the Ahmadiyya community for security check of the Ahmadiyya mosque. Inside they saw a dais with Islamic creed (Kalima) written on it. The ASI said that he would take that dais with him to the police station. The president refused him his demand. At this, he ordered, “For the time being, place it somewhere else and come to the police station in the evening.” After that, these officials went to Data Zaidka. There, construction of outer walls of the Ahmadiyya prayer centre was going on, and the Kalima was written inside. At that, they ordered the acting president of the Ahmadiyya community Data Zaidka to, “Stop the work and come to the police station in the evening.”

In the evening, both Ahmadi office holders visited the police station and met the SHO. The SHO told them to demolish the niche, minarets and Islamic creed (Kalima) from both the prayer centres. They replied, “We will not do this”. At this he said, “Leave the niche and minarets, but erase the Islamic creed (Kalima)”. Ahmadis replied again the same and added that if the police wished to do that, they will have to do that themselves. The SHO gave them some days to reconsider, and added, “The police will not do this; you will have to do it yourselves”.

Thereafter, there was no repeat call, nor follow-up.

It should be mentioned that the law does not forbid Ahmadis constructing minarets, niche or writing Kalima in their places of worship.

Punjab government nominates two mullas of TLY on Text Books Board

Lahore; December 19, 2017: The daily Jang reported that the Interior Department of Punjab has appointed two leading figures of Tahrik Labbaik Ya Rasulullah, Usman Afzal Qadri and Noor Muhammad members of the Curriculum and Text Books Board and issued a notification.

The appointment of leading figures of TLY on the Review Committee for school syllabus is a part of the reconciliation policy of the Punjab government with the Tahrik, the paper added.
Life threats to Ahmadi family over faith
Nankana; January 11, 2018: Mr. Mubashir Ahmad, an Ahmadi, has been receiving threats to his life for some time. He went to a stationary shop to buy some books for his children. The same guy, who had been threatening him in the past, came to the shop and told the shopkeeper not to sell anything to Ahmad as he was a Mirzai (Ahmadi). The shopkeeper took his books back and returned him the money. He again threatened Mr. Ahmad of murder. Mr. Ahmad returned home immediately and felt so disturbed that he stopped sending his children to school.

Harassment of an Ahmadi university lecturer
Mustafabad; Faisalabad, January 18, 2018: Mr. Adnan Adeel is a lecturer in University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. On January 11 the university administration called him and conveyed, “We have come to know that you are a preacher of Ahmadiyyat. Previously fifty per cent people knew your religious identity, but now almost hundred per cent know it. We have orders from the management to restrict your activities. You should immediately change your mobile ringtone with something else. Delete everything related to Ahmadiyyat from your WhatsApp and Facebook accounts and stay clear of this kind of activities in future.” Mr. Adeel promised to exercise caution in future.

Earlier Mr. Adeel was once questioned by the admin office on matter related to his belief, on a fake excuse.

Mr. Adeel has to exercise caution over something which never bothers other lecturers. Being an Ahmadi is being vulnerable.

Present day rulers and politics of religion
Lahore; January 7, 2018: The Government of Punjab held a special Mashaikh (Scholars and Custodians of Prominent Shrines) Convention at the Aiwan Wazir Alaa (Chief Minister House) on January 7, 2018. Its main themes according to press advertisement (Annex II) were: 1) Eternal Devotion for the Holy Prophet (PBUH), 2) Faith in Finality of Prophethood (KN). It was presided by the chief minister, Mr. Shahbaz Sharif. Rana Sanaullah, the provincial law minister also addressed it. According to a press report (the daily Jang; January 8, 2018) more than 150 Mashaikh and a number of high government officials attended the convention.

This convention deserves special mention in our report as its themes were closely related to the Blasphemy law and the persecution of Ahmadis in the country. Ahmadis were very recently deprived of participation in elections through an amended Election Act 2017 on the basis of ‘end of prophethood’, as a bargain in the infamous Islamabad sit-in (Dharna). The repercussions of the Dharna continue to disturb the provincial and the federal governments. In fact, one of the main leaders of the protest campaign is a Sheikh, Pir Sialwi. Holding of this convention at public expense in the CM House is of politico-religious significance. Its noteworthy proceedings are mentioned below.

The chief minister said, “End of Prophethood (KN) is fundamental to our faith; we are its guardians. We have strengthened the law further on the KN and even if someone intends, he can make no amendment to it till the doomsday (Qiamat).

“... Every Muslim is ready to sacrifice his life on the issue of Honour of the Prophet and the End of Prophethood. There are no two opinions about it that one who has no faith in KN is outside the pale of Islam. ...”

Rana Sanaullah, in his address, emphatically said, “Belief in KN is part of my faith, and I sincerely think that one who does not believe in the Latter Day Prophet (Nabi Akhar al Zaman, PBUH) is outside the pale of Islam. Qadianis are Non-Muslim. The leadership and the government of PML-N is playing its full role in safeguarding the belief in KN. The great Mashaikh are the captains of KN and we
are their foot soldiers; hence there is no question of possibility of any harm to the KN.”

The speakers spoke on international relations and internal politics as well. National cohesion and social justice was emphasized. Mr. Shahbaz Sharif said, “We should examine as to what extent we have followed (Islamic) guidelines on fair distribution of wealth.” He said that it was an honour for him to attend that blessed get-together in which the greats (Azim hastian) had assembled. Rana Sanaullah told the Mashaikh that they (the PML-N) would continue to seek guidance from them.

At this occasion, the government of Punjab got published large size paid ads in almost all newspapers (see Annex II).

**Ahmadis and Pak politics**

*Pakistan Today; January 9, 2018:* Ahmadiiyya issue is greatly politicized in Pakistan with reference to the belief in End of Prophethood. The trend is uncommon and a cause of concern to many well-wishers of this country. The daily Pakistan Today made an editorial comment on this on January 09. We quote it below in full.

“The degeneration of political discourse

- Bringing religion into politics

The PML-N decided to appease the preachers of hate by making Zahid Hamid a fall guy. As if this was not enough Captain ® Safdar launched a virulent tirade against the already persecuted Ahmadi community in the National Assembly. Party leaders vied with one another in declaring Ahmadis non-Muslim. The PML-N government in Punjab and at the center allowed the Tahrik-e-Labbaik (TLYR) speakers at Faizabad sit-in to continue their vitriolic harangues against the community day after day.

The PTI has also decided to make use of religion to advance its politics. The result is that as we approach the elections, the two parties have introduced a non-issue into the political discourse. Instead of seeking votes on the basis of their social and economic programme and performance, each one is trying to underline its religious credentials.

Recounting PTI’s services at the Difa-i-Pakistan rally in Peshawar on Sunday, KP CM Pervez Khattak said he had made a chapter relating to the finality of prophethood compulsory in text books. Also recitation and translation of the Holy Quran till grade 12. Both measures he said were aimed at producing good Muslims. What is more his government had provided solar system to mosques and fixed honorarium for prominent prayer leaders. He criticized liberal forces for interfering in religious matters. PTI’s ally Samiul Haq maintained that Jihad was compulsory for every Muslim in the prevailing situation, adding that the DPC was formed to counter Christian and Jewish lobbies.

The PML-N and PTI candidates fighting for a Chakwal provincial seat PP-20 have reduced the campaign to who is more opposed to the Ahmadis. The highest bidder so far is PML-N’s candidate who called for expelling the Ahmadis from Pakistan. The PTI candidate on the other hand asked the voters to decide whether they stand with those who changed the Khatt-m-i-Nabuwwat law or with the lovers of the Prophet (PBUH).

The Punjab government meanwhile convened a gathering of spiritual leaders where both Shahbaz Sharif and Rana Sanaullah reiterated their belief in the finality of Prophethood. And still we wonder why the US has placed Pakistan on watch list for violations of religious freedom.”


Another report in greater detail, on this election in District Chakwal was published by the daily Dawn on January 8 under headline: *Political parties playing the religion card to woo voters in Chakwal.* It quotes the PML-N candidate Mr. SHA Khan, who was speaking in a Sunni mosque: “As my brother Zulfiquar Ali Khan highlighted that Ahmadis are currently holding key posts, I feel proud that our party’s Capt (retired) Safdar Sahib talked about this issue on the floor of the National Assembly for the first time. … If Allah gives me an opportunity to reach the assembly, I would also raise this issue.

“The need of the hour is to remove Qadianis from public posts; rather, they should be banished from the country,” Mr. Khan added.” (Emphasis added)
**The rapist and murderer – a fake Islamist**

*Kasur; January 25, 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 pretense.

The daily reported that Imran claimed to belong to sufi groups Naqashbandi, Qadri. He is a member of Tahirik Labbaik Ya Rasullah (TLY) and Awami Tahrik (PAT). TLY 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.

**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. Mulas 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 recent 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 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 Subcontinent 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

A beefy TV anchor under scrutiny

Lahore; January 28, 2018: Dr. Shahid Masood is a prominent anchor person in the TV world in Pakistan. Through indulgence in popular themes he wields influence among the viewers. During the Islamabad sit-in (Dharna) on the issue of End of Prophethood he inappropriately and unjustifiably splashed out anti-Ahmadiyya propaganda.

His recklessness eventually overtook him, and in the Zainab rape and murder case he levelled serious allegations against some people. He claimed that the suspect operated at least 37 bank accounts. He also claimed that an organised gang of child pornography led by some influential people was behind the rape and murder of Zainab and other minors in Kasur. These were very serious allegations that magnified the evil incident manifold. The SC took suo motu notice.

At the hearing, the Additional Advocate General for Punjab informed the court that the
State Bank had confirmed that the suspect had no bank account.

Earlier, when questioned, Dr. Masood haughtily observed that his job was to report and not to investigate. The Chief Justice asked the anchor, “We trusted your information and took notice, and now you are supposed to prove your claim.” He reminded Dr. Masood, “You cannot imagine what could be the consequences if you fail to establish your assertions.” The CJP formed a new JIT to probe this case. He asked the anchor to cooperate with JIT and stay in country, otherwise his name could be placed on the Exit Control List. (Court report is based on news published in the daily Dawn of January 29, 2018.)

A dutiful upright police officer
Lathianwala, District Faisalabad; January 2018: We are happy to learn and report that there are surely dutiful and efficient officials in the administration and police in the country. One such person is Mr. Khalil Ghuman SHO Khurarianwala Police Station in District Faisalabad.

One, Malik Faisal arranged a religious sitting Mehfil Milad in Lathianwala. Ordinarily such get-togethers are held to mention and praise in poetry, the attributes of the Holy Prophet PBUH. However in this sitting the Ahmadis were bad-mouthed extensively by one invitee mulla Tanwir ul Hasan Madni and another from Lahore. Mulla Madni is named by the police in Fourth Schedule.

An Ahmadi reported the hateful proceedings to the police. The SHO promptly sent for the organizers of the Mehfil and the local Aman Committee. In the meeting he expressed his anger over the proceedings. In the meeting, it was agreed by all that:

- In future no Mehfil shall be held without SHO’s permission.
- Permission will be granted on recommendations of the Aman Committee.
- The organizer Maulvi will affirm on oath that no sectarian propaganda will be done.
- Loudspeakers will not be used in the Mehfil.
- Anyone who violates these terms will be severely dealt with under the law.

The SHO undertook that he will further investigate the conduct of the miscreants involved in this incident and will take appropriate follow-up action.

If there were more such officials, there would be more peace and harmony in society, and the National Action Plan would not be termed a failure.

Update on major atrocities of 2016

1. CTD raid on Ahmadiyya offices on December 5, 2016. The fake police case registered after the raid was not withdrawn; instead the authorities took it to an Anti-terrorism court. Mr. Sabah ul Zafar and Mr. Idrees Ahmad were denied release on bail. The ATC judge announced three years’ imprisonment for each of them. They are in prison. An appeal against the verdict lies with Lahore High Court.

2. Mob attack on Ahmadiyya mosque in District Chakwal. The mosque remains locked by the authorities. Ahmadis have no place for worship since December 2016. On demand of the riot leadership, a separate police case was also registered against the defending Ahmadis, on orders of a court. Sixty rioters out of the 67 detained have been released on bail by courts.

3. Ban on Ahmadiyya publications and periodicals. The Punjab government issued numerous such notifications in January 2016. It did that on illegitimate recommendations of the Muttahidah Ulama Board that were in stark violation
of the Constitutional guarantees and the international instruments signed by Pakistan. None of these notifications has been yet withdrawn.

**Ahmadis behind bars**

1. A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Mr. Khalil Ahmad was then murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision has been made to the High Court.

2. Officials of Punjab’s Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) accompanied by a contingent of the Elite Force raided Shakoor Bhai’s book shop, arrested him and Mr. Mazhar Abbas the shop assistant, a Shia, on December 2, 2015. A speedy trial in an Anti-terrorism Court dispensed 5 years’ imprisonment to each of the two accused, while octogenarian Mr. Shakoor was sentenced in addition to three years’ imprisonment under the anti-Ahmadiyya law. He appealed against the verdict and has sought release on bail from the Lahore High Court which has not spared time for more than a year to hear his plea.

3. An armed police contingent of the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) carried out a raid on Ahmadiyya central offices and Zia-ul-Islam Press on December 5, 2016 and arrested four Ahmadi officials: Mr. Amir Faheem, Mr. Sabah ul Zafar, Mr. Zahid Majeed Mahmud and Mr. Idrees Ahmad. Mr. Sabah ul Zafar and Mr. Idrees Ahmad remained behind bars as bail was not granted to them. The judge announced three years’ imprisonment to both of them. An appeal against the judgment awaits hearing in the Lahore High Court.

4. Two Ahmadis, Mr. Amjad Iqbal Salooni and Mr. Ikram Ilahi were charged under PPC 295-A and the anti-Ahmadiyya 298-C. They were accused of preaching their faith. They were arrested on March 15, 2017. A judge added terrorism clauses to the case and sent it to an Anti-terrorism Court. Their pleas for bail were rejected. Now these await hearing in a higher court. The ATA judge observed that terrorism clauses were not applicable in this case. Their plea for bail now lies in Lahore High Court. They remain behind bars awaiting trial.

5. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was charged on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR no. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He was arrested a day earlier.

**From the Media**

- Mr Zaeem Qadri, Punjab Minister of Religious Affairs asserted in a TV talk show: “The mentioned Quran (with Ahmadiyya translation) has been banned, police raids have been undertaken, (printing) presses have been sealed and people (Ahmadis) have been booked… if someone still distributes this Quran, I’ll personally strangle him.”… “As for me, I am not prepared to give the Ahmadis even their rights granted by the Constitution to Non-Muslims,” he added.
  
  *TV show of Dr Danish on Channel 24, on January 24, 2018*

- Senate passes resolution to include a chapter on end of prophethood in school syllabus.
  
  *The News 92; Lahore, January 23, 2018*
Qadianis are tearing the Constitution to pieces (Dhajian bakherna): International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement

The daily Islam; Lahore, January 23, 2018

Government of Punjab’s Department of Auqaf and Religious Affairs arranged a Mashaikh Conference in Chief Minister House on 7 January 2018.

The daily Insaf; Lahore, January 22, 2018

Shahbaz Sharif played the role of the ‘guard’ of KN by taking the lead in raising the issue: Maulana M Amjad

The daily Jang; Lahore, January 10, 2018

KN law will remain operative; not one, even thousands can be sacrificed on its protection: (Mulla) Khadim Rizvi

The News 92; Lahore, January 1, 2018

Labbaik people are not for ‘end of prophethood’ but ‘end of government’: Ahsan Iqbal

The daily Insaf; Lahore, January 22, 2018

Student kills Principal (a Hafiz Quran) for alleged blasphemy. The former had attended Islamabad sit-in, and was termed ‘absent’. “We’ve been repeatedly told not to hesitate nor feel scared in killing someone in the way of Allah.” He shot the victim six times.

The daily Jang; Lahore, January 23, 2018

Two female polio warriors fall in Quetta

The daily The Nation; Lahore, January 19, 2018

Pak Taliban admit:
Robberies for money; Attacks on Benazir; Looted NATO ordnance at Karachi Port; took hostages for ransom and some of the groups started receiving aid from foreign sources.

Reported in a newly published book: Inqilab Mehsud by Abu Mansur A.M. Noorwali

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 16, 2018

Khatm-i-Nabuwwat moots snarls up traffic (in Lahore)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 21, 2018

Sufi Mohammad (of TNSM) freed in Peshawar on bail

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 16, 2018

(Pir) Sialvi demands Shariah in seven days, or face shut down in Punjab

The daily Jang; Lahore, January 21, 2018

JIT head Mr Khuda Bux (reportedly an Ahmadi) replaced over objection of Zainab’s father

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, January 13, 2018

71 organizations on banned proscribed list won’t be allowed to raise funds, hold events in capital

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 2, 2018

Corruption inquiry by NAB against Capt Safdar in KPK

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, January 10, 2018

It is time to teach Trump a lesson: Deputy Amir International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement (Mulla Shabbir Ahmad Usmani)

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, January 10, 2018

If health and education are not attended to in the Punjab, we’ll shut down all projects including Orange Line. I’ll assemble people who carry sticks. Free medicines are not available, while funds are being spent on publicity… . I’ll not spare (those) if corruption is the cause of a wrong: Chief Justice Saqib Nisar

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, January 7, 2018

Pakistan has ensured rights of minorities: PM

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 7, 2018

Ambulance bomb kills 95 in Kabul (and wounded about 158)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 28, 2018

Trump’s tweet on Pakistan sparks war of words

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 2, 2018

Pakistan, US are no longer allies, says FM

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 8, 2018

Canada: schoolgirl attacked over hijab

The daily The News; Lahore, January 13, 2018

Arther Wagner, anti-Muslim German politician converts to Islam

The 92 News; Lahore, January 13, 2018

13 killed as Iran sees worst day of unrest

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 25, 2018

2018 to be observed as Khatm-i-Nabuwwat Year: (Religious scholars moot under Ministry of Religious Affairs)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 12, 2018

(Mulla) Dr Ashraf Asif Jalali declares election candidature from NA-124

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, January 22, 2018

Azad Kashmir cabinet approves Khatme Nabuwwat legislation on Pakistan pattern

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, January 24, 2018
Report: IHC upholds ban on TV anchor

The Islamabad High Court Wednesday upheld its verdict to put ban on anchor Dr Aamir Liaqat Hussain by turning down the petitioner’s appeal to withdraw his request for ban on him.

A single bench of IHC comprising Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui conducted hearing of the petition seeking lifetime ban on Dr Aamir for using electronic and social media for his hate speech and justifying violence and rejected withdrawal request of the petition. …

He (the petitioner) requested the court to declare that Aamir is using religion as a sword and shield at the same time to further his own gains at the cost of the safety and well-being of various individuals by conducting repeated hate speech amounting to incitement to violence due to which people have been killed while others receive death threats.

Petitioner also requested the court to declare that Dr Aamir has used electronic media and social media for hate speech, incite, abet, glamorise or justifying violence, commission of crime, terror and leads to serious public disorder and therefore he is liable to be banned lifetime on all medium including print media, electronic media and social media.

Op-ed: New Imams of politics

Imran Khan, when free, must consider why and how Nawaz Sharif managed to stabilize himself, despite his untiring efforts and support of visible and invisible powers. Nawaz Sharif has remained popular despite Imran’s campaign.

- Tareen assures (Pir) Sialvi of PTI support on the Khatme Nabuwwat issue
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 13, 2018*
- KN is basic to our belief: Shahbaz Sharif address to Mashaikh Convention in Evan-Chief Minister. (He presided)
  *The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 8, 2018*
- Five security men among seven killed in Quetta
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 10, 2018*
- A civil war was attempted in the name of religion (KN): Ahsan Iqbal (Interior Minister)
  *The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 14, 2018*
- Suspicion s over Sharif’s visit to S. Arabia persist
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 2, 2018*
- All set for (mulla) Ilyas Chinioti (of PML-N) to join JUI-S.
  *The daily Aman; Faisalabad, January 3, 2018*
- KN is a fundamental part of my belief: Rana Sana
  *The daily Jang; Lahore, January 7, 2018*
- 12 wounded in student groups clash at PU (between IJT and Pukhtun Baloch Council)
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 23, 2018*
- Curse (Laanat) on such a parliament. Imran Khan
  *The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 14, 2018*
- Dar’s (Former Finance Minister) wealth increased 91 times in 16 years, witness tells court
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 30, 2018*
- Qadri-led moot decides to launch anti-govt drive on 17th
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 9, 2018*
- Punjab VC resigns ‘instead of giving land to seminary’
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 6, 2018*
- Placatory Shahbaz persuades Pir Sialvi to call off campaign
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 26, 2018*
- Pakistan on American ‘Watch List’ for violating religious freedom
  *The daily Express; Faisalabad, January 5, 2018*
- Faizabad sit-in was an attack on Muslims by Muslims: SC
  *The daily The News; Lahore, January 4, 2018*
- 183 PU students on 14-days judicial remand
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 25, 2018*
- Two die in Kasur riots over girl’s rape, murder
- ‘Justice for Zainab’ turns into rallying cry
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 11, 2018*
- About 900 children went missing last year (in Sindh)
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 13, 2018*
- According to JIT report, seven girls were raped and killed by the same 23-year-old perpetrator (of Zainab case)
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 24, 2018*
- Over 1.8 million cases pending in Pakistan’s courts
  *The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 21, 2018*
What did the latter achieve by adapting Sheikh Rashid as his Imam? Would not this style of politics distance him from success in elections? He needs to understand well the mechanics of politics. He should learn how nations mature. He should also understand the relationship between the state and the society.

*Khurshid Nadeem in the daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 22, 2018*

**Annexes:**
I) Ad by Ministry of Religious Affairs in the daily Dawn of January 16, 2018
II) Govt of Punjab holds Mashaikh Convention – an ad in a newspaper
Federal government holds open nation-wide competition in writing thesis on End of Prophethood, and Muslims’ Responsibilities

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad has announced Seerat-un-Nabi (S.A.W.S) Books, Maqalat and Na’at Competitions 1440AH/2018AD. This year, the topic for Maqalat-e-Seerat is

All those desirous to participate in the competition shall submit (i) 15 copies of books, journal etc. and (ii) 05 copies of articles with complete bio data (CV), contact numbers, attested copies of last degree, (minimum qualification for writing an article is graduation or its equivalent.), domicile and CNIC to the undersigned latest by 20th March, 2018 on the following address:
Mahboob Usman, Deputy Director (Seerat), Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Civic Centre Melody, G-6, Islamabad. Email: seerat.mora@gmail.com. Further details can be downloaded from the following websites www.mora.gov.pk and www.ppra.org.pk

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The daily Dawn, January 16, 2018
Govt of Punjab holds (Ulama and) Mashaikh Convention, with sectarian emphasis on Finality of Prophethood theme