

# Religiously motivated murders

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## **Another Ahmadi murdered for his faith**

*Nankana Sahib; March 30, 2017:* Mr. Saleem Lateef community president of the district was target-killed in Nankana Sahib at about 9 A.M. His son, motor-cycle co-rider was also shot at by the assigned assassin, but fortunately he survived.

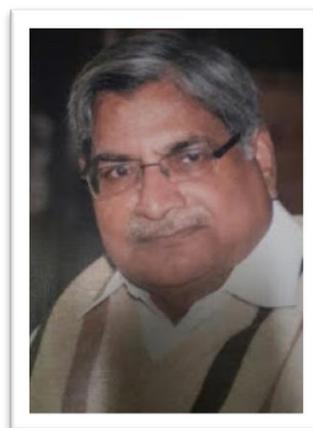
According to the details Mr. Lateef was being driven to the courts. The assassin had a pump-action gun. The first shot hit him in the right rib while the second hit him in the back. Mr. Lateef died on the spot. The attacker fled the scene. The victim had been receiving threats for some time.

Mr. Lateef was 70. He was a good man – hospitable, kind and a friend of the poor. He was brave too. In 1989, Nankana Sahib suffered extensive anti-Ahmadi riots. His house was then set on fire by miscreants. (Mian Nawaz Sharif was the chief minister Punjab at the time.) Later his father-in-law was roped in a religion-based police case. He died while in prison.

Mr. Latif was a relative of Prof Dr Abdul Salaam the Ahmadi Nobel laureate.

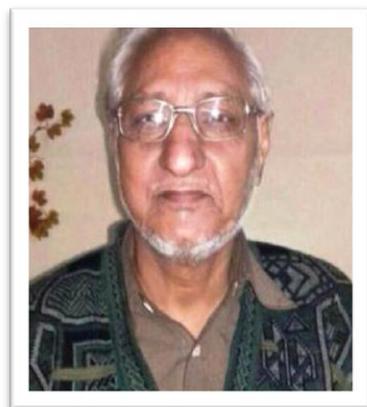
According to one source, the banned sectarian outfit Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) al-Aalami, also linked to the Islamic State, claimed the responsibility for the attack.

Reportedly, a man named Rashid was arrested. He was employed as a guard at Ali Jewelers and the weapon he used is also registered in the name of the proprietor of the shop.



## **Another Ahmadi killed for his faith**

*Lahore; April 7, 2017:* Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad from Sabzazar, Lahore was gunned down near Scheme Mor, Lahore on April 7, 2017. He was going to offer Friday prayers along with his grandson and a friend. He was going by car, and as it slowed down on Scheme Mor, Multan Road, a motorcyclist, wearing a helmet, approached and shot him at his temple from point blank range which killed him on the spot. Other persons in the car remained unharmed. Dr. Ahmad was 68 years old and was an active member of the community. He had a PhD in food and nutrition, and had retired from the University of Veterinary Sciences.



Saleemuddin, the spokesman of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan condemned the barbaric murder of Dr. Ahmad and stated, “It is the

second Ahmadi who has been murdered for his faith within the last 10 days. A few days ago a prominent Ahmadi lawyer in Nankana Sahib was killed and today another renowned Ahmadi has been murdered.” “A well-organized hate campaign is being carried out throughout the country and innocent Ahmadis are falling prey to it. On one side the government is saying that the Operation *Raddul Fasaad* is against all sorts of extremists and nobody is being discriminated on the basis of religion, whereas the reality is that Ahmadis are being targeted in broad daylight. Taking no action against such hate mongers has encouraged such elements and they are attacking Ahmadis. In order to stop the bloodshed of precious human lives, it is crucial to take strict legal actions against the hate campaign and prejudice,” he added.

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***Khanpur, Distt. Rahimyar Khan; May 3, 2017:*** An Ahmadi Basharat Ahmad from Khanpur, district Rahimyar Khan was shot dead for his faith on May 3, 2017. Mr. Ahmad was going home on motor bike from his petrol station located outside the city. Unknown gunmen shot him at close range and left him on the road. He died on the spot.

He had no hostility with anyone. He was 62 years old and is survived by his widow and three children, a daughter and two sons.



### **Murder of an Ahmadi lady professor**

***Lahore; April 18, 2017:*** Professor Ms. Tahira Perveen Malik of the Punjab University was found murdered in her room on April 18, 2017.

Although according to the police, she was murdered in the course of a theft, in our opinion the on-going anti-Ahmadi propaganda and the relative security enjoyed by those who murder Ahmadis is a reason that criminals feel free to attack Ahmadis.

Ms. Malik was daughter of a well-known Ahmadi. She was an M Phil in Botany and Plant Science from California, USA.

### **A Press reports implicates Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme-i-Nabuwat in murder of Ahmadis**

***Lahore; May 21, 2017:*** The daily Dawn, Lahore published the following report on the front page of its Metro Central section, today:

#### **Four held in Ahmadi professor's murder case**

LAHORE: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of police on Saturday took four members of Aalmi Majlis-i-Tahfuz-i-Khatam-i-Nubuwaat into custody for their alleged involvement in killing a retired professor of the Ahmadi community.

Dr Ashfaq Ahmad, 68, a nutritionist by profession and a retired professor of the Lahore University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, and his grandson were travelling by a car to attend their religious gathering in Sabazazar when an unidentified motorcyclist stopped them at a traffic signal near Shah Fareed Chowk on April 7 and fired on them. Mr Ahmad suffered critical bullet wounds and succumbed to his injuries on the spot.

Earlier, Sabazazar police had registered a [murder] case against unidentified person(s) but later handed the case over to the Lahore CTD police who added terrorism charges [to the FIR].

Later, a banned militant outfit Lashkar-e-Jhangvi al-Alami had claimed responsibility for the killing. A news release issued by the outfit stated that a commando of the the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi al-Alami's Riaz Basra brigade had killed Mr Ahmad.

According to sources, the CTD police had raided a house in Singhpura locality of Baghbanpura and took Hassan Moavia, Irfan, Muhammad Khan and Jahanzaib into custody.

A senior CTD police officer on condition of anonymity told Dawn that they had taken four suspects who belonged to Aalmi Majlis-i-Tahfuz-i-Khatam-i-Nubuwaat into custody for interrogation. One of the suspects, Hassan Moavia, was released because he was declared innocent and others were still in custody and would be interrogated, he added.

On March 30, Malik Latif, a prominent lawyer belonging to the [Ahmadi] community, was shot dead in Nankana Sahib. Banned sectarian outfit Lashkar-e-Jhangvi had claimed responsibility for the attack.

The CTD have arrested the suspect and registered a case against him under terrorism charges.

**Note:** For long we have been suggesting in these reports that Khatme Nabuwwat organizations are involved, directly or indirectly, in attacks on Ahmadis. We have also mentioned the role of Mr. Hassan Muaviya in numerous atrocities committed against Ahmadis in Lahore. However, this brother of Allama Tahir Ashrafi, an influential cleric, manages to evade consequences of his criminal acts.