

Severe threats

2018

Agitation in Karachi – Ahmadis and their mosque under threat

Karachi; April 19, 2018: On April 19, 2018 some unknown person(s) wrote down the names of ‘Allah’ and ‘Muhammad (pbuh)’ with paint on the track of the main road of North Karachi. At about 11:00 a.m. people started gathering there from nearby areas – blocked the road, started protest and staged a sit-in. Most of them belonged to Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulullah. The police came to know of the incident, came to the spot, and stopped the sit-in participants from aggravating the situation. At first the participants were few but their numbers increased gradually. Most of them were young. They made speeches and demanded from the administration to find the culprits, arrest them and register a case against them.

In their speeches some miscreants availed the occasion to accuse the Ahmadiyya Jamaat of this outrage. The nearby walls were chalked with anti-Ahmadiyya slogans and provocative language. The police and Rangers present at the spot tried to persuade the sit-in leaders to disperse, but all in vain. In the evening, some high rank police officers came and had talks with them – assured the protestors full support, and the sit-in was called off at the time.

Ten Ahmadi families who were living in the neighbourhood had to be shifted elsewhere for security reasons. The local Ahmadiyya mosque was also locked by the police. Ahmadi youths on duty stayed inside the mosque for its security.

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.

Ahmadis under serious threat in Multan

Multan; February 2018: It was learnt from official sources that Ahmadis and their worship places in Multan were under threat. Extremists had plans to kidnap two well-known Ahmadis Rana Nadeem Ahmad, Rana Fareed Ahmad and their families. They had carried out recce for this purpose both of their residence as also of schools of their children. The police appointed

guards at Ahmadiyya mosques. Ahmadis felt unsafe in the city and were advised to take extra precautions.

Agitation in District Mirpur Khas

Mirpur Khas; March 6, 2018: On March 2, near Tharparkar Motors (a business location on Mirpur Khas –Hyderabad road) some mischief mongers wrote down the names of ‘Allah’ and ‘the Holy Prophet (pbuh)’ with red colour on the road, at the occasion of ‘Holi’, a Hindu festival. The same sacrilege was undertaken near Sultanabad.

Mullas and local Muslims were very angry over the incident. Rallies and processions were taken out against this, and a strike was called in the city. The procession attacked the Press Club. Some miscreants availed the occasion to accuse the Jamaat Ahmadiyya of the outrage and tried to agitate the public against Ahmadis. However, the local administration rejected the allegation against Ahmadis, and disallowed the strike the next day.

Ahmadis made to flee for their faith

Abbottabad; September 2018: Ahmadi families of Mr. Shuaib Ahmad and Mr. Luqman Ahmad are residents of Abbottabad. They started facing difficulties as soon as their neighbors came to know of their faith. This hostility increased over time and they were socially boycotted in their area. They were denied purchase of daily use items from nearby shops. Later on the owner of Mr. Luqman’s flat told him to vacate the flat immediately. When asked the reason, he said, “Approximately a dozen men of Khatme Nabuwwat organization came to me and told me to get the flat vacated of Qadianis or be prepared for arson in the block.”

Ahmadis had to shift to a far off location at short notice.

Faith-based hostility forced Ahmadi to shift household

Renala Khurd, Distt. Okara; April 2018: Mr. Ehtisham Ahmad is an Ahmadi who works in Mitchell Fruit Company as Research and Development and Quality Assurance Manager.

Previously an activist of TLYR published a pamphlet against him that agitated the readers accusing him of proselytizing. This issue was resolved with the help of authorities.

In April pamphlets against Mr. Ahmad were again distributed. The police took action and detained a worker of the company, but released him later on the demand of TLYR mullas. The mullas threatened to take out a procession against the SHO and the DSP, and revive the previous issue against Mr. Ahmad. Meanwhile the Imam of Masjid Faizan-e-Madina, Hameed Town, Renala Khurd got registered an FIR of theft in the police station. Some books of the Rebuttal of Qadianiat course, a USB and some memory cards were stolen, according to the FIR. It accused Ahmadis of doing that. The FIR mentioned the possibility of great harm to the local Imam in this incident. They tried to implicate Mr. Ahmad in this incident.

The management of the company told Mr. Ahmad to contact the local SHO. The SHO advised transfer of Mr. Ahmad elsewhere to avoid the agitation. The company transferred him to their head-office in Lahore. Mr. Ahmad joined the Lahore office on April 23, 2018. Mr. Ahmad has to shift his whole family to the new station, a great hardship for him indeed.

Murder threat to Ahmadis in Mandi Bahauddin

Mandi Bahauddin; August 20, 2018: Ahmadiyya community in Mandi Bahauddin has been receiving threats for some time. After the month of Ramadan, every Friday the police provided security at prayers in the Ahmadiyya mosque. In August, Mr. Ijaz Ahmad, president of the local Ahmadi community received a threat letter in red ink, “**You and your family will be kidnapped and killed. Decided – consider it blood, not red ink Thirsty for your blood: Righteous man**”.

After this letter some Afghan youths were seen in the vicinity of the Ahmadiyya mosque. The police was informed of the whole situation, and the higher authorities instructed the SHO City for appropriate action and security.

Ahmadis upgraded safety measures.

A threat to Ahmadi's life

Quaidabad, District Khushab; September 8, 2018: We have reported in the past the deteriorating anti-Ahmadi situation in Quaidabad. Ahmadis have been facing extreme hostility there for some time. Mr. Zahid Shafique an Ahmadi received a threat letter in which it was written: “Entry of *Mirza (Mirzaion)* is forbidden. Leave this area; it will be good for you. If you do not, you will not know where you will end up at night. Remember – by midnight. You will find it better to leave the area; otherwise you will be killed. It is better for you. Entry of *Mirza (Mirzaion)* is forbidden; you will be attacked at night.” (sic)

Mr. Shafique is a senior Ahmadi community functionary. He has now adapted special security measures.