

Assaults

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Ahmadi survives a deadly attack

Shahdara Town, Lahore; May 26, 2018: Mr. Sajjad Ahmad S/O Mr. Masood Ahmad was attacked on May 26, 2018 in Shahdara Town, Lahore at his house. Two shots hit Mr. Ahmad; one pierced his belly and the other hit his left leg.

According to the details, two youths aged early 20s came to Mr. Ahmad's house at 9:30 p.m. and knocked at his door. Mr. Ahmad opened the door and they asked about Sagheer. Ahmad told them that no Sagheer lived there, and closed the door. They again knocked at the door. When Mr. Ahmad opened the door, they opened fire at him. As a result one shot hit his belly and the second hit the upper part of his left leg. Mr. Ahmad was rushed to Mayo Hospital, Lahore where he was operated upon. The shot that hit his belly pierced through it but fortunately no surgery was needed. Only stitches were applied. His leg was operated upon and the bullet removed.

Mr. Ahmad is a salesman in Unilever. He is forty-five years old. The police registered an FIR. No reason was found behind this attack other than religion. The assailants were not identified. They identified Mr. Ahmad at their first knocking, and opened fire at the second. Religious hatred and extremism are at peak in this area; and Tehrik Labbaik and Khatme Nabuwwat organizations are active here.

Assassination attempt at an Ahmadi couple for their faith

Jaranwala, District Faisalabad; July 7, 2018: Mr. Ziauddin and his wife, Ahmadi were shot at by unknown assailants at their house in Jaranwala on July 7, 2018. The attacker opened fire at Mr. Ziauddin and one shot hit his left thigh. After hearing the shot his wife rushed towards him and the attacker opened fire at her too and one shot hit her right thigh. The couple has three sons and a daughter. Both husband and wife underwent surgery.

According to the details, at about 9 a.m. someone knocked at Mr. Ziauddin's door. In answer to the call, two unknown armed men entered the house and a third one stayed outside. As Mr. Ziauddin is a jeweler, he thought they were robbers, so he offered them to take away whatever they wanted, but they didn't show any interest in the offer and one of them opened fire at him. After hearing the shot his wife rushed to help him. She was shot as well. Thereafter all the three assailants fled away. Both husband and wife were immediately shifted to the local Civil Hospital.

Mr. Ziauddin had to be shifted to Faisalabad Civil Hospital. His X-rays showed that his thigh bone was not damaged, however the doctors would like to monitor the case and if the shot did further damage they would remove the bullet through surgery.

Mrs. Ziauddin was treated at the local hospital and was discharged the same evening.

Ahmadis had to be appointed for security duties at Mr. Ziauddin's house and the hospital where he was admitted.

Mr. Ziauddin is a very decent fellow and a community worker.

Ahmadi doctors escape serious harm

Kotli, Azad Kashmir; October 2, 2018: Doctor Manzoor Ahmad and Doctor Imran Ahmad serve in DHQ Hospital, Kotli. On October 2, 2018 an unknown youth attacked them while they were on duty. The assailant was carrying a pistol and was saying that he was determined to not let the Qadianis remain alive. On administration's quick response his attack went amiss and both the doctors were saved from any harm. The assailant was caught on the spot and handed over to the police.

Ahmadis beaten up severely for faith

Ban Bajwa, District Sialkot; April 23, 2018: Opponents have been trying their best to make life difficult for Ahmadis in Ban Bajwa. The local mulla participated in the Islamabad sit-in (of Khadim Hussain Rizvi) and was arrested there. After his arrest, anti-Ahmadiyya sentiment increased in the village. The locals invited Qari Afzal Qadri, a leader of Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulullah. He announced a social boycott of Ahmadis.

Another mulla came to the village in February, gathered some youths and agitated them against Ahmadis. This hateful training went on for three days. The mulla also distributed a hateful book '*Radd e Qadianiat*' in the village.

These opponents were in search of an opportunity to implement their training. So, one day when Mr. Abdul Sattar and Mr. Nazir Ahmad, Ahmadis were bringing fodder for their cattle, a non-Ahmadi youth, with a fodder cutter on bike, passed by them so close that they narrowly escaped hurt from the cutter. Ahmadis told him to change the side of the cutter, but the youth got angry and bad-mouthed them. Ahmadis did not respond in kind. After that the youth's father came to their farm to apologize for his son's conduct, but soon, his son also arrived there. He spoke harsh and insulted his own father.

The next day when Mr. Sattar and Mr. Ahmad were working in the fields, the offending youth arrived there in company of seven men and attacked them with rods. Ahmad fled to a nearby farm but the attackers overtook him and beat him up and rendered him unconscious. The local president of the Ahmadiyya community came to know of this and went to the site. On seeing him an attacker shouted, "Look, here is another *Mirzai*", and they attacked him as well. As a result his wrist bone was broken. Meanwhile the police arrived at the scene, but they said nothing to the attackers who sat in their car and drove away.

Ahmadi hurt in attack

Goth Ahmadpur, District Sanghar; September 29, 2018: Mr. Jamil Ahmad was going to his farm on his motorcycle on September 29, 2018. On the way two persons attacked him with rods and axe. Mr. Ahmad's arm was fractured. The attackers tried to snatch the bike but were unable to start it. They had to leave the bike, but in their anger they hit him with axe and left him badly injured in leg. Mr. Ahmad was taken to a hospital for treatment where he received eighteen stitches on his wound.

The police was informed of the incident. Mr. Ahmad recognized one of the attackers, so the police registered a criminal case against one known and one unknown person.