News record – by category

2018

a. Ahmadis’ human rights

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

AJK Parliament declares Ahmadis as non-Muslims

Five Ahmadis shot, injured in two incidents
The Daily Times; Lahore, July 9, 2018

Pakistani mob destroys 100-years old minority Ahmadi mosque
www.reuters.com/article/us.pakistan-ahmadis/pakistan-mob

Pakistan added to US list of violators of religious freedom
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2018

Pakistan legislators (Sindh Assembly) refuse resolution condemning mob attack on Ahmadis’ mosque
Rabwah.net/Pakistan-legislators

IHC issues stay orders: Change of religion without permission disallowed
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, February 24, 2018

If Ahmadis wish to stay on in Pakistan, they should not commit thievery against Islam (Islam par naqab na lagain).

No compromise on End of Prophethood: Islamabad High Court
(Advocate) Akram Sheikh (amicus curiae of IHC) said “Ahmadis can’t be allowed to exercise Islamic rituals”, he said adding that it could hurt religious sentiments of Muslims.
The Daily Times; Lahore, March 3, 2018

IHC requires that travel record of 10,000 persons who converted to Ahmadiyyat be presented: Justice Shaukat Siddiqui
The daily 92 News; Lahore, March 2, 2018

Safeguarding the End of Prophethood and Blasphemy issues were exploited for political gain in the country: Farooq Ahmad of PML-N (Ulama and Mashaikh Wing)
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, March 22, 2018

HRCP urges govt to appeal IHC’s faith declaration ruling
The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 15, 2018

24 unlawful Qadiani centers sealed in Khushab. …Religious organizations had threatened a campaign. Action in pursuit of the Ummat’s report
The daily Ummat; Karachi, May 9, 2018

Senate passes resolution to include a chapter on end of prophethood in school syllabus
The News 92; Lahore, January 23, 2018

Intelligence Bureau’s recommendation to close down Qadiani websites is welcome: Maulana Rafiq Nafisee
Ahmadis not to take part in elections

Word ‘Ahmadi’ forbidden for Qadianis

Court orders the use of Qadiani/Ghulam Mirza/Mirzai with names to identify (a Qadiani)

Affidavit of Khatme Nabuwwat made obligatory to obtain CNIC, passport, voters list: IHC

18 hurt as (Ahmadiyya) place of worship attacked in Faisalabad. Cases registered against over 200 people under terrorism charges.

Under-fire govt asks minority (Ahmadi) community economist to quit EAC

Another EAC member Dr Asim Ijaz Khwaja resigns over the withdrawal of Dr Atif Mian’s name from the advisory council after backlash from religious groups.

Govt to hold two-day Khatme Nabuwwat moot

Call for arrest of Ahmadi man’s killer

Non-Muslim Mirzai booked for violating Shaair-e-Islam (Qurbani, in Kamokay)

Ahmadis have faced the worst intolerance in Pakistan and their persecution apparently has the support of the administration: HRCP

Punjab: Video from Sialkot appears to show local administration aiding extremists in destroying Ahmadi property. The apartheid goes on.

b. Rabwah

There is no clean water in Chenab Nagar, nor cleanliness. The area is ridden with problems.

Municipal Council Chenab Nagar makes life difficult for citizens by imposing new taxes

Chenab Nagar’s streets and bazars sink in dirty water (after rain). Residents restricted to their homes.

Resounding slogans of Allah o Akbar in Chenab Nagar. 31st International KN Conference begins.

7-day End of Prophethood course for women completed in Chenab Nagar. 46 attended.

c. Anti-Ahmadiyya rhetoric

Authorities should exterminate Qadiani cancer from the Islamic Republic: AMTKN
Qadianis’ citizenship should be annulled and their properties be confiscated: Khatme Nabuwwat (Lawyers Forum) Conference

None involved in (KN) affidavit change was given (party) ticket: Shehbaz Sharif

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

Qadiani hand behind massacre of Kashmiris is plausible: Maulana G. Mustafa and Qari Shabbir Usmani (of AMTKN)

Qadianis are open enemies of Islam and Pakistan. Their appointment on important posts is unacceptable: Hafiz Saeed

To take students on a visit to Qadiani centre is treason against Islam and Constitution: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN)

We’ve sacrificed hundreds of thousands of lives for the End of Prophethood law; we can permit no amendment: Maulana Rafiq Jami of AMTKN (in conference in Vehari)

Qadiani gang, under American and Israeli patronage, is playing around with basic Islamic belief: Dr Ahmad Ali Siraj (of Saudi Arabia)

There is no space for deniers of End of Prophethood in Pakistan: Rizwan Ahmad (JI)

Varsities to have Khatm-i-Nabuwwat chairs, says minister (Sardar Yusuf, Fed Religious Affairs Minister)

He said it was decided to hold countrywide meetings of ulama and Mashaikh on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat.

The daily Din; Lahore, November 19, 2018

Hooligans (of TLP) injure policemen, damage vehicles in acts of wanton violence (to protest Aasia’s acquittal)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2018

TLP chief in ‘protective custody’ as activists held in several cities

300 rounded up in police crackdown in Islamabad, Pindi district

d. The militant mulla

Over 3,000 Hazaras killed since September 11, 2011

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 24, 2018

12 Diamer (GB) schools torched in overnight attacks

Most of the institutions targeted are girls’ schools

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 4, 2018

Orakzai bazaar blast leaves 34 dead

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 24, 2018

Aasia Masih should be put to death: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat

The daily Din; Lahore, November 19, 2018

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There is no religious extremism in Pakistan: Maulana Fazl ur Rahman

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

One thousand religious seminaries are receiving foreign aid and billions are donated by 17 Muslim and non-Muslim states: Punjab Police report

India is the worst terrorist state in the world: PM Khan

e. Statements on record

Mirzaïat (Ahmadism) is Khatarnak Fitna (a dreadful mischief). We have cleared the difference between a Muslim and Non-Muslim, for all times to come: Farooq Haider (the PM AJK)

Nation needs new messiah: Fazl (JUI)

Rs 297bn spent on war against terror in 10 years, Senate told

PTI will provide full protection to minorities: Imran Khan

Pakistan lost over 70,000 people and suffered a loss of $123 billion since 2003; 53 terrorist hotbeds in Fata, Balochistan, KP and Karachi identified.

Minorities await implementation of SC’s 2014 verdict

Naya Pakistan’ vision is the same as Quaid-i-Azam’s vision: Prime Minister

If corruption is penalized with death, Pakistan’s population will shrink: Chairman NAB

We’ve to show Narendra Modi how to treat minorities: Imran Khan
From 25 July onward this country will be Quaid-i-Azam’s Pakistan: Imran Khan (address in election rally at Lahore)

ARY news at 21:35 on July 19, 2018

Civil society protests ‘forced resignation’ of economist from advisory council

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 11, 2018

MPA should speak the truth; officers should not be blackmailed in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat nor by calling them pro-Ahmadies: Maulana Khalil (of Chiniot)

The daily Express; Faisalabad, October 17, 2018

‘Today we are being forced to prove our credentials as Muslims. This whole thing has created hatred in our society. I’m carrying the bullet of hatred inside me.’ Says ex-minister Ahsan Iqbal at his (election) campaign office.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 10, 2018

We’ll not allow anyone use religion card: Imran Khan

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; November 8, 2018

Dar’s (Former Finance Minister) wealth increased 91 times in 16 years, witness tells court

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 30, 2018

TLP ends protest after govt accepts demands

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 14, 2018

Mainstreaming seminaries among priorities: Imran

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 4, 2018

Education remained neglected as funds diverted to fight militancy

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 15, 2018

Parliament has authority to make laws while we (Courts) have authority to review these. Constitution empowers us to review laws enacted by the Parliament. Legislatures have no powers outside the Constitution, nor can it make laws that violate fundamental rights. Every institution has its bounds. (Supreme Court)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 21, 2018

Five policemen among nine killed in Lahore suicide attack

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 15, 2018

Poet of the East (Shair e Mashriq) lost one eye at the age of two

The Khabrain (Sunday Magazine) April 15, 2018

(We) stopped in our (rule’s) time the drive against madrassahs: Pervaiz Ilahi (PML-Q)

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 27, 2018

Naming Orange train’s Shah Noor station as Khatme Nabuwwat station welcomed

The daily Insaf; Lahore, October 3, 2018

26 Kanals of land with Rs. 4bn recouped from (mulla) Ilyas Chinioti, MPA of PML (N)

92 HD News at 21:53 on October 11, 2018

(PM) vows to protect rights of minorities and ensure equal opportunities.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 10, 2018

Man claiming to be ‘11th Caliph’ held

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 9, 2018

After the State (Riasat) of Madina, Pakistan is the only country that came into being in the name of Islam: PM Imran Khan

TV 92 News at 19:53 on October 31, 2018

U-turn ought to be lauded as a sign of mature political leadership: Imran Khan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 18, 2018
**f. Foreign and NGOs**

*Malaysia: JAIS (Selangor Islamic Department) has no right to stop Ahmadiyya Muslims, court rules.*

*Free Malaysia Today, July 6, 2018*

*Saudi crown prince says Israelis have right to their own land*

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, April 4, 2018*

*Indian troops kill 17 in held Kashmir*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 2, 2018*

*French police hold ex-President*

*The weekly Time of April 2, 2018*

*Israel kills 55 Palestinians as US opens Jerusalem embassy*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 15, 2018*

*Trump tears up Iran nuclear deal, revives sanctions. President Rouhani says Iran will remain committed to multinational accord. Netanyahu hails (Trump’s) decision*  
*Iran used accord to sow discord, says S. Arabia*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 8, 2018*

*Oxford professor (Tariq Ramadan) charged with rape*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 4, 2018*

*First Pakistan-origin man gets key UK cabinet job as interior minister quits*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 1, 2018*

*US withdraws from UN Rights Council*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 21, 2018*

*Lord Ahmad appointed as (UK) PM’s Special Envoy to promote religious freedom*

*www.gov.uk*

@ IRF-Ambassador Sam Brownback: The lack of religious freedom anywhere is a threat to peace, prosperity and stability everywhere.*

*IRF Ministerial on July 24, 2018*

*Secular extremists have no right to participate in Pak politics: Dr Ahmad Ali Siraj (from Saudi Arabia)*

*The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, July 27, 2018*

*S. Arabia freezes Canada trade ties over ‘interference’. Riyadh expels Canadian envoy and recalls its own which comes after Ottawa denounced a new crackdown on rights activists by kingdom.*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 7, 2018*

*First Muslim woman joins Australia senate*

*BBC, August 15, 2018*

*US priests ‘abused thousands of children’*

*BBC, August 15, 2018*

*After Pak protest, Dutch lawmaker cancels caricature contest*

*The daily The News; Lahore, September 1, 2018*

*German Catholic priests ‘abused thousands of children’*

*BBC Top Stories September 13, 2018*

*Suu Kyi may lose Canadian citizenship over Rohingya issue*

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 29, 2018*

*Bangladesh sentences 19 to death over 2004 attack*

*The daily The Nation; Lahore, October 11, 2018*
Saudi Arabia admits Khashoggi killed in consulate

PM makes impassioned pitch for peace (with India)
If Germany and France can bury the past, then why can’t we do the same, he said.

Attack on Chinese consulate in Karachi foiled, militants killed

Canada: schoolgirl attacked over hijab

Seven gunned down by Indian troops in held Kashmir

Pakistani men seek release of wives locked in China camps

**g. Political**

Khatme Nabuwwat oath amended to please foreign lobby: Imran

Zafar ul Haq (of PML-N): The stand of Dharna (sit-in) was correct, as was the resignation of the law minister

Imran Khan attended and addressed Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Mashaikh conference in Lahore on February 22, 2018. He demanded that much-awaited Raja Zafrul Haq Committee report be made public.

My family (Khandan) considers it a duty to support Khatme Nabuwwat: Pervaiz Ilahi (of PML-Q)

Majlis Ahrar’s goal is riddance from American imperialism: Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema

Tareen assures (Pir) Sialvi of PTI support on the Khatme Nabuwwat issue

SC summons ex-CM Pervaiz Elahi in Bahria Town case

TLP chief, aides to be tried for sedition, terrorism

Zardari among 172 facing travel ban over graft
Apart from former president, cabinet decides to put names of Bilawal, Faryal, Malik Riaz and Sindh CM on ECL in fake accounts case

Shahbaz elected PAC Chairman

Consensus on Khatme Nabuwwat is as firm as on death. We shall adopt a decisive plan of action in consultation with all ulama in a few days: Provincial Minister of Auqaf (Punjab; Syed Saeed ul Hassan)

Elections will be contested between supporters and traitors of Khatme Nabuwwat: (Mulla) Zahid Habib
SC rules disqualification (for NS and JT) under Article 62 (1) (F) is for life

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 14, 2018

Mir Zafrullah Jamali, Hina Rabbani, Pervez Khatak, Manzur Watoo and over 2000 others (election candidates) found defaulters (on loan repayments); not qualified to contest elections.

Asad Bhattu, Sarfraz Bugti, Hamid Abbassi, Ejaz Chaudhry etc also in the list

Fehmidah Mirza, Mehmud ur Rashid, Tehmina Daultana, Hamid Saeed Kazmi etc also defaulters in the State Bank, PTCL, Sui Gas lists

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, June 14, 2018

31% voted for PTI, 23% for N League and 12% for PPP. MMA got 5%, TLP 4%, GDA 2%, ANP 1.5%, Muttahidah 1.3%.

The daily Jang; Lahore, August 2, 2018

Jamaat (Islami) expels 20 shura members after election debacle. “The JI candidates had contested elections for 39 seats of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and only Inayatullah Khan retained his seat from upper Dir.”

“An insider told Dawn that for the first time in the JI history, a member has filed nomination papers against party Chief Sirajul Haq in Lower Dir showing the magnitude of resentment among members.”

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 7, 2018

Pir Golara Sharif declares support to PTI

The daily Express; Faisalabad, July 24, 2018

Election campaign is being run through religious beliefs: Fawad Chaudhry

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 3, 2018

Maulana Fazl to head recently revived MMA. Liaquat Baloch (JI) appointed secretary general of the five party alliance

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 21, 2018

11 years imprisonment to Nawaz Sharif, 8 to Maryam and one to (Capt) Safdar. 1650 million rupees fine. London flats confiscated. Daughter and son-in-law declared disqualified for politics.

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 7, 2018

Capt. ® Safdar arrested. … Will be sent to jail today.

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 9, 2018

Ishaq Dar (former finance minister) applies for political asylum in Britain

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, July 11, 2018

Nawaz, Maryam arrested on arrival in Lahore. Shifted to Adiala Jail.

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 14, 2018

Shahbaz, Hamza, Saad have tons of wealth. Two wives (each). Former CM owns less wealth than his wife and sons.

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, June 22, 2018

Captain Safdar sings (Natein) poems in praise of Mumtaz Qadri (Governor’s assassin)

The daily Aman; Faisalabad, July 16, 2018

Imran takes oath as PM

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 19, 2018

Shahbaz Sharif’s son-in-law Ali Imran Yousaf has fled abroad, should be declared proclaimed offender: NAB prosecutor’s request to accountability court

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 25, 2018

Satanic forces again rising in Jihadi garb: Asif Zardari

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, September 21, 2018

PM tells Babar Awan to resign after NAB reference against him over Nandipur Power Project. 27 bn loss.

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 5, 2018
Sharifs home and dry after IHC suspends jail term

Son-in-law of ex-CJP (Iftikhar M. Chaudhary) held in housing scam

We pay Rs. 6 bn interest every day (on loans): PM

She (Minister Shirin Mazari) lamented the non-implemented of the National Action Plan

NAB snares Shahbaz as grilling turns into arrest

Decision made to indict Raja Pervaiz Ashraf and Babar Awan in Nandipur Project Reference

PTI to oppose changes to blasphemy law: (NH Qadri, Minister of Religious Affairs)

SC acquits Asia of blasphemy charge, orders her release

Apology of (Pir) Afzal Qadri accepted: Federal Minister of Religious Affairs

Medical reports say Shahbaz has serious health issues

Resentment in PTI over Aamir Liaquat’s induction

Six Punjabi laborers shot dead by terrorists in Kharan (Balochistan)

h. Miscellaneous

Justice Siddiqui removed on SJC’s advice. Former IHC judge is accused of displaying conduct unbecoming a high court judge.

Five security men among seven killed in Quetta

12 wounded in student groups clash at PU (between IJT and Pukhtun Baloch Council)

According to JIT report, seven girls were raped and killed by the same 23-year-old perpetrator (of Zainab case)

90 immigrants, including Pakistanis drown off Libya when boat capsized

Names of three ex-generals put on ECL (at the request of NAB)

Over 13,600 police guards withdrawn on CJP order

Children sale discovered in Allied Hospital Faisalabad; accused woman arrested

5-day baby recovered after raid on house, Rs 1,80,000 also recovered.

3 gynecologists of the hospital involved in this contemptible business: Police

The arrested accused admits sale of 1200 babies in 30 years

A boy would be sold for Rs 3 lacs, a girl for Rs. 2 lacs: Accused
7 persons killed over children’s brawl in Peshawar

PAC: Ata ul Haq Qasimi (Chairman state TV) was paid 48.1 million rupees in pay in two years. He spent 2.4m on tea.

Two cops among five booked for ‘rape of youth in torture cell’

Over Rs. 4 trillion loans written off in 27 years. 19 individuals and companies exceeded Rs. 1 billion relief.

CM costs exchequer Rs. 1.7m a day: Report

Top auditor points out Rs. 5.8 trillion irregular spending Submitted to president and parliament, report covers years 2017-18

Five PIA pilots have not even done matric, SC told

Rs 22 bn already spent, and not a single liver transplant operation undertaken (in state hospital): CJP

Three bank chiefs’ names placed on ECL. Zardari and Faryal required to attend 35 bn money laundering scandal.

Hussain, Hassan Nawaz black-listed; passports blocked

Minor (girl) ‘tortured’ at seminary dies in hospital (in Multan)

Nawaz, Maryam placed on ECL. Hassan, Husain & Dar will be brought back.

PTI played politics on Khatme Nabuwwat issue for months; but in oath-taking ceremony they could not read the oath correctly. God will punish them: Rana Sanaullah

PU ex-VC, four others held for corruption

Billions discovered in bank accounts of even a dead man. Iqbal Arain died in 2014. Transactions of a sum of Rs. 4.6 billion were done after his demise.

Over 10,000 properties of Pakistanis detected in UK, UAE

Lawyers lock (session) court’s gates (in Lahore) in protest against suo motu (by the Supreme Court)

Pakistan is required to pay back $3.5bn per month. In these three months it has to pay back $10.5bn of loans and interest

Rupee sees record plunge as turmoil grips markets

Over 22m children out of school in Pakistan: HRW report
More than 200 mass graves of IS victims found (in Iraq)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 7, 2018