

Religiously motivated murders

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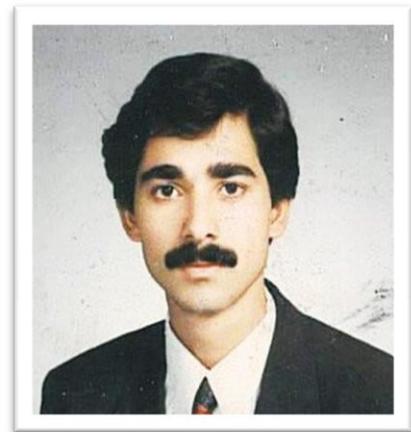
Ahmadi murdered for his faith

Saroba Garden, Lahore; June 25, 2018: Qazi Shaban Ahmad Khan was killed by unknown gunmen, on June 25, 2018 at his house in Lahore. The assailant shot him three times. He died on the spot. He left behind a widow and three disabled daughters.

According to the details, at about 23:00 two men wearing face masks entered his house. Mr. Khan's wife was in the washroom when assailants barged into their bedroom. One of the gunmen took her to their daughters' bedroom on gun point. The other assailant fired three shots in the abdomen of Mr. Khan, and he died on the spot. The assailants fled away thereafter.

Mr. Khan had no personal enmity with anybody. He ran a school for special children, with the help of an NGO. Mr. Khan's widow said that he appeared under tension for some days as he was harassed and threatened by the nearby Madina Mosque's mulla. So, he restricted his sorties from home as precaution.

There are three mosques in the area of Mr. Khan's residence. The clerics indulged in open hate speech against Ahmadis. The authorities did not admonish them for spreading sectarian hatred.



Murder of an Ahmadi jeweller

Syedwala, District Nankana; August 29, 2018: Six armed robbers, riding three motor-cycles came to Syedwala and proceeded directly to the jewelry shop of Mr. Basharat Ahmad, an Ahmadi. Some of these indulged in indiscriminate firing outside the shop as also inside, while the others looted the ornaments. Having taken what they wanted, they singled out Mr Muhammad Zafrullah son of Mr. Ahmad as target among others present in the shop. Mr. Zafrullah was hit with three bullets and he died as a result.

The police and the Elite Force chased the dacoits and shot dead three of them.

