Anti-Ahmadi campaign of hate

Hate material in text book

Peshawar: In 2016 Mr. Asad Qaisar (then Speaker of the KPK provincial assembly) of PTI made a special effort to have the precept of ‘end of prophethood’ (KN) included as part of school syllabus in Islamiat. He knew very well that mullas use the KN as a theme and an excuse to bad-mouth Ahmadis. However Mr. Qaisar, now Speaker of the National Assembly, called an official meeting in October 2016 of ulama and officials of the Education Department, and directed them to proceed with the task of inclusion of KN in school syllabus and also produce text for inclusion in the prescribed text books.

This was done. As apprehended by Ahmadis, the text includes hate material and derogatory remarks against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Also, only one-sided aspect of this dogma is shown, other arguments put forward by past ulama of great standing that support the Ahmadiyya view have been deliberately denied to the students.

The sub-chapter Khatme Nabuwwat is placed at pages 43-46 of a book titled “Islamiat for classes IX and X”, issued by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Textbook Board Peshawar. This book is published for academic year 2018-19 and is approved by the federal Ministry of Education (Department of Syllabi) Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

On page 45, it is mentioned in this context that Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian “made a fake claim in 1901 to be exactly the same person (aine) Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah,” and has termed his claim to be a great mischief (jitna). Also, it is asserted that, “Anyone who, after the Holy Prophet (pbuh) claims to be a prophet, is a liar, a great liar (kazzab), an apostate and outside the pale of Islam, according to the Quran, Hadith and the Consensus of the Ummah.” Here the sources have been falsely quoted, as according to the Holy Prophet the future messiah, Isa, to appear in latter days, will be a Prophet of Allah (Sahih Muslim).

The text also mentions violent moves against historical figures like Aswad Ansi and Musailma who claimed to be prophets; however it fails to mention that these individuals had rebelled against the nascent Islamic state, raised armies and undertaken slaughter of Muslims. So the reason of fighting them was not religious, it was the political revolt involving bloodshed.

At the end, on page 46, the article quotes Imam Abu Hanifa as, “One who asks a proof from a fake claimant to Prophecy, will himself be expelled from the Islamic community (Dairah Islam).” We are not sure if the Imam is correctly quoted because he left behind no self-written text, however it is bizarre that KPK children are being taught to be deaf to arguments and proofs of competing theories.

PTI government holds a sectarian moot

Islamabad; November 21, 2018: The daily The News International in its issue of November 8, 2018 published a news in the following headline:

Govt to hold two-day Khatme Nabuwwat moot
Its correspondent reported that this Conference would be held in Islamabad and high ranking ulama from abroad would be invited to attend. The decision was reportedly taken in a meeting between Minister for Religious Affairs Noorul Haq Qadri and Prime Minister Imran Khan at the PM office.

It is a common practice in the Sub-continent that at the occasion of the birthday of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) conferences are held to highlight different aspects (Seerat) of his life. This was also mentioned in the above report, however to call it a Khatme Nabuwwat conference was unusual, because in recent years the mullas in Pakistan have used the term Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) as a code-word for anti-Ahmadiyya activism. It seems that the high command was aware of this aspect. They found a reprehensible solution.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony published a sizeable ad in national newspapers regarding this moot of November 20 - 21, 2018. Therein the moot was called ‘Rahmat ulil Alameen Conference’; however the topic was mentioned as “Khatme Nabuwwat and Muslims’ Responsibilities – in the light of the Prophet’s teachings (Khatme Nabuwwat aur Musalmanon ki zimmadarian ...)”. The daily Jang; November 16, 2018 (See Annex VII)

So, the government either arranged or agreed with the mulla to assure that this Seerat Conference, although held in the name of Rahmat ulil Alameen (Mercy for the Universe), would focus on the end of prophethood (anti-Ahmadiyya, as understood by the mulla). The proceedings of the conference proved that this apprehension was not mere imagination.

On the day of the moot, mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj, of Pakistan origin, reportedly now a lecturer at the Madina University in Saudi Arabia came to the rostrum and harangued the large crowd assembled in the Jinnah Convention Centre. Mr. Imran Khan, the Prime Minister was seated only a few feet away in the presidential chair when this mulla stated the following at this auspicious and blessed occasion, (extracts):

“PM Imran Khan, you deserve plaudits that you claim following the Islamic State of Madina, and in that state the first consensus was to launch an armed operation from Madina against one who claimed to be a prophet .... . In this campaign 1200 Companions were martyred in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat and the honour of Prophethood. I am making you register that in a single action in support of the end of prophethood, fought against Musailmah the liar, 1200 Companions were martyred to destroy him, as per decision of the State. In these words, Mr. Prime Minister, our responsibilities are to make the people conscious (sha’ur) of Khatme Nabuwwat... . With these words I request the Prime Minister that the country is descending into chaos; we need to make the population aware (sha’ur).

“In this (drive for) awareness my foremost demand is that whatever restrictions are imposed on Qadianis in our Constitution should be implemented by the Prime Minister; also he should implement the penalty (of death) imposed on blasphemers as per the law of 295-C. We are with him; our prayers are with him..."
This mulla, in a huge public conference, with the Prime Minister seated only a few feet away, directly and indirectly demanded and exhorted him to launch an armed operation against a small peaceful group of citizens and nationals of Pakistan and to shed blood. Mulla Siraj told him of the high priority merited by this issue if he was sincere about his aim of following the Riasat Madina. The mulla assured him total support in this.

When this mulla moved away from the podium, nobody, neither the Prime Minister nor his minister of religious affairs told this mulla and the audience that he had quoted the campaign against Musailmah out of context and with no relevance. Musailmah had risen in armed rebellion against the nascent State of Madina. His claim to prophethood was only ancillary in nature. That situation was not even remotely the case in Pakistan.

Thereafter, another notorious mulla, Tahir Ashrafi, disputed chairman of Pakistan Ulama Council took the stage and fed the audience with unadulterated falsehood and fabrication. He authoritatively told the audience that Ahmadis while reciting the Kalima (Islamic creed) consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to be the Muhammad of the wording “Muhammad ur Rasul ullah”. He asserted that the Mirza, in all his books, had told his disciples to always bear that in mind. This was a news to Ahmadis, as no Ahmadi goes by this fabrication attributed to Ahmadis and their founder. This mulla availing this expensive state function and celebration misguided a vast crowd and millions who were watching the PTV, to believe his assertion that was false, fabricated, sectarian and hateful.

Also noteworthy is the fact that the leading mullas attending this conference, while Aasia Bibi’s acquittal was a hot issue, asserted that it was the duty of the state to put blasphemers to death. Nobody suggested that a judicial verdict on the guilt of such an accused should be respected. Also, nobody in this ‘Mercy for the Universe Conference’ had the courage to suggest that the country’s Blasphemy law should be revisited by this Islamic state in the light of the Holy Quran and the Sunnat of the ‘Mercy for the Universe’.

The PTI cabinet would be well-advised to carefully examine in future in depth all proposals for religious programs and policies, as the harm the mulla inflicts on this country is difficult to undo.

**A hostile conference in Rabwah by KN mullas**

*Rabwah; September 7, 2018:* International Khatme Nabuwat Movement (IKNM) was allowed again to hold a hostile and provocative conference in Rabwah on September 7, 2018. We do not repeat here its proceedings in detail, as these were no different and no milder than in past years, however we reproduce below extracts from an op-ed/report compiled by one of their media-men, Mulla M. Salman Usmani, published in the daily Islam on September 24, 2018.

**31st Annual International Khatme Nabuwat Conference, Chenab Nagar**

… In (1953) a movement in support of these fair demands got underway from the platform of All Parties Action Forum Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat. The rulers of the time pierced the breasts of more than 13000 sons of Toheed (Unity of God) and Lahore’s Mall Road was flooded with the holy blood of KN martyrs. (A high level judicial inquiry, however concluded that in all 37 rioters were killed by security forces in the entire Punjab to restore peace)… The Conference, ... was held in the Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar with great pomp and show (shan o shaukat), under the patronage of Hazrat Maulana Dr Saeed Ahmad Inayatullah Central Amir IKNM, while presiding honors went to IKNM Secretary General Maulana Dr Ahmad Ali Siraj (from Madina Munawwarah), Deputy Amir Fazilatu Sheikh Maulana Abdul Rauf of Makka (Saudi Arabia), Fazilatu Sheikh Maulana Umar Abdul Hafeez Makki (of Makka Mukarama) and the sons of Hazrat Maulana Abdul Hafeez Makki (Saudi Arabia). ...
The participants included Maulana M. Ilyas Chiniot MPA(PML-N) Amir IKNM (Chiniot), Sahibzada Zahid Mahmud Qasimi Secretary General IKNM Pakistan (Faisalabad), Pir Tariqat Maulana Sadiq ul Amin (Faisalabad), Maulana Hafiz M Tahir Mahmud Ashrafi Chairman Pakistan Ulama Council (Lahore), Allama Shah Nawaz Farooqi (Gujranwala), Maulana M Mughira of Majlis Ahrar Islam (Chenab Nagar), from Barelvi school Maulana Syed Saifullah Shah Farooqi (Lahore), Hafiz Binyamin Abid of Jamaat ud Dawa (Faisalabad), Jamaat Islami’s Deputy Amir Dr Farid Ahmad (Lahore), JUI F’s Ch. Shahnaz A Gujjar (Jhang), SH Mufti M. Tayyab (Faisalabad), Maulana Ismatullah Badiulvi of Jamiat Ishaat (Sargodha), etc.

... Slogans of KN – Zinda Baad, Martyrs of KN – Zinda Baad were raised sky high. Arrangements for the conference were ideal. The ulama and the participants were treated to fabulous meals and drinks. Security was strict in view of the sensitive law and order situation in the country...

Rescue 1122, ambulance, mobile dispensary and fire brigade were present to handle any emergency. Municipal Committee Chenab Nagar made excellent provisions for cleanliness. Street lights, water tanks, water spray on dirt paths were made available. The entire district administration deserves congratulations and thanks....

Maulana Shabbir A Qadri, the general administrator of the conference moved various resolutions which were supported by participants by show of hands. (One of these was a demand to enforce change of design in Ahmadiyya places of worship)....

The above report betrays:
1. Support for the conference in petro-dollars
2. Presence of guests of honor from Saudi Arabia
3. Participation of Jihadists from parties banned for terrorist activities
4. State support and expenditure to what was a sectarian and extremist activity

**A noteworthy conference in Lahore**

Lahore; January 28, 2018: The press reported a sizable conference in the provincial capital. It was held in the state-owned Alhamra Hall and was presided by Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, Chairman of the Pakistan Ulama Council, well-connected in official circles. Following was reported by the press (for instance *The News; January 29, 2018*):

- The conference was named Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (safeguarding the End of Prophethood) and Istehkam-i-Pakistan (Pakistan Stability) Conference.
- Approximately 1000 ulama and Mashaikh attended.
- Participants condemned US President Donald Trump’s tirade against Pakistan, placing Pakistan on U.S. Watch List over religious freedom, etc.
- The joint declaration condemned bid to remove column of religion for CNIC, endorsed the fresh national narrative ‘Paigham e Pakistan” and demanded that Raja Zafarul Haq Report on KN issue in Election Act 2017 be published by 20th February.
- The conference decided to celebrate Khatme Nabuwwat Day on February 7.

Any assemblage of 1000 ulama in Lahore is a huge and expensive undertaking. Who footed the bill? – not Maulana Ashrafi!

**Hateful anti-Ahmadiyya conference and rally in Lahore**

Mullas are free to indulge in anti-Ahmadi sectarian and extremist activities in the provincial capital of the Punjab. These violate government’s policies under the National Action Plan and Paigham e Pakistan. Only two of such events are reported below.
Ahle Hadis Youth Force, (a Wahabi group) Lahore organised an ‘end of prophethood seminar’ on January 14, 2018. This lasted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mulas Abdul Ghaffar, Tariq Mehmood Yazdani, Hafiz Naeem ud Din and Ibtisam Ilahi Zaheer spoke in this. They said, “The belief in the end of prophethood is always truly secured by the Ahle Hadis. We will not let Qadiani mischief prosper. This country was founded in the name of Islam; Qadianis have no business (to stay) here. The biggest threat to our country is from Qadianis. We all should get together and confront them. Remember the sacrifices of your elders, and be united. If we die tomorrow, how can we face the Holy Prophet (pbuh) while Islam is in severe danger? Qadianiat is a cancer. Be united and take wholesome action against them. We all should unite and take a grand action against Qadianis. We are planning accordingly and will let you know of it very soon. You are to act accordingly and stop the Qadianis.”

On January 20, 2018 a visit and conference at Data Ganj Baksh shrine, Lahore was called by Majlis Dawat Islamia Qamariya Lalamusa, under the leadership of Pir Hameed ud Din Sialvi. Approximately ten thousand people attended. The caravan departed from Lalamusa at 9 a.m. and reached Lahore in the evening. Addressing the crowd Pir Sialvi said, “We do not accept this government. These people are impudent to the Holy Prophet (pbuh). We will not tolerate an attack on the belief in Khatme Nabuwwat.” Other mullahs made similar speeches, and targeted the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and the government.

Another hostile conference
Gorgaij, District Larkana; May 12, 2018: Jamiat Ulamae Islam (JUI) held an anti-Ahmadiyya Khatme Nabuwwat conference here. Speakers badmouthed the Ahmadiyya community and spoke rabbily. They mentioned the local Ahmadis by names, called them to the ‘right path’ and threatened them with grave consequences if they would preach their faith. They took pledge from the audience by show of hands that they would make life unbearable for Ahmadis, so that they leave the village.

Some time ago the opponents disturbed the civic peace by making an issue of the Ahmadiyya prayer centre and the missionary’s house. Ahmadis continue to exercise great caution in day to day life.

Hateful graffiti on Ahmadiyya mosque’s wall
Wah Cantt, Rawalpindi; August 5, 2018: An unknown person sprayed ‘Countless curses on Qadianis’ on the outer wall of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Wah Cantt, Rawalpindi.

At about 09:00 an Ahmadi passerby saw a message sprayed on the outer wall of the mosque. He informed local Ahmadi elders who informed the police. The police arrived, took photographs and checked the CCTV recording. The wall was cleaned under the supervision of the police.

The police has registered an FIR of the incident. No arrests have been made yet.

Hateful action against the founder and the present head of the Ahmadiyya community
Chiniot; September 4, 2018: On September 4, 2018 some mischief mongers spread banners on road next to Umer Hayat Mahal, Chiniot. These banners carried sketches of the founder and the present head of the Ahmadiyya community; along with these, flags of the U.S. and Holland were also painted. People trampled over the banners, and bad-mouthed. The police were informed of the incident, and they removed these banners from the road.

Social boycott imposed by mulla
Gulshan Jami, Karachi; May 2018: Mr. Muneeb Ahmad Khan went to the local market for some shopping. At a shop, a mulla with a mask arrived and told the shopkeeper, “He is a Qadiani; do not deal with him.” Accordingly the shopkeeper refused to sell him anything. Then Mr. Khan went to a vegetable shop. The mulla arrived there as well and forbade the shopkeeper to sell him vegetables. The vendor cared little for the bigot and sold Khan some vegetables.

Earlier, the mulla had good rapport with Mr. Khan but when he came to know that Khan was an Ahmadi, he turned hostile. Once when Mr. Khan said Salam to him, he got infuriated and told him, “I will get you arrested in two minutes; you are an apostate and Wajibul Qatl (must be killed).”

Mughalpura, Lahore – a hub of anti-Ahmadiyya activities
Mughalpura; November 2018: Mughalpura is often mentioned in dispatches for the rallies, processions, seminars etc held there against the Ahmadi community. For these the mullas avail the permissive attitude of the provincial government and the careless concern of the capital’s police to sectarian activism. Following two incidents happened here in the last week of November.

On November 23, Jamaat Islami held a Hurmat Rasul (pbuh) Conference in the Children Park. Mulas Zikrulla Mujahid, Muhamamd Ali Karimi and Mufti Imtiaz attended the occasion. Rather than highlighting the noble character of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) these mullas wasted everybody’s time in making hateful remarks against Ahmadis. “The government is supporting Qadianis. It is busy in changing the constitution, while the constitution terms these Qadianis kafir. They mislead the people through proselytisation. They are in league with Jews and Christians, who provide them financial support. Qadianis are Kafir and they have no right to live here. Jamaat Islami will exterminate them. You have to help us in this. Join us under the leadership of Siraj ul Haq. United, we’ll put an end to these Qadianis,” the speakers exhorted the crowd.

A day later Anjuman Eid Miladun Nabi took out a rally to celebrate the birthday of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). For setting up a grand-stand they chose the front of Ahmadiyya mosque as location. A few youth recited poems, while the procession stopped there at about 10 p.m. There was a great deal of slogan mongering. The police had to be present there on duty. Ahmadis felt concerned in view of the hateful rhetoric of the Jamaat Islami the previous day.