

# Spotlights-2019

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- PEMRA in violation of Pakistan Constitution Art. 20 issued orders in January to all Regional Managers of this department to stop transmission and relaying a number of STV channels including the Ahmadiyya MTA 1&2. (p. 62)
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- Islamabad Bar Association made *Khatme Nabuwwat* oath mandatory for membership. (p. 57)
- Mulla Fazl ur Rahman (JUI-F) incited the public by targeting Ahmadis during his so-called *Azadi* March. (p. 90)

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- **Op-ed: The state has lost its sense of responsibility, control, direction** leaving the field open to all sorts of rogues, ruffians and assassins from all over the world in the name of jihad. *MehboobQadir*