

# Problems in Education

2019

## **Ahmadi educationist in line of fire. Writ-petition against 14, mostly Ahmadis, and the SHO police**

*Dera Ghulab Khel Rodah, District Khushab; December 2019:* Mr. Muhammad Yunus, Ahmadi is running here a private school, Shad Academy since 2012. Approximately 170 students are studying in it. In September Lashkar-e-Taiba Khatme Nabuwat wrote a letter to the authorities conveying, "A Qadiani is managing the school, lot of students are studying here, children are sexually abused here, it should be closed forthwith. In case of non-compliance the whole responsibility will be that of the SHO and the civil administration if it is attacked or any child is abducted or any teacher or student comes to harm." The authorities took notice and took some follow-up action. Then the emboldened mullas spread a wider net. They took numerous steps to harass the Ahmadiyya Community.

More recently on December 4, 2019 an anti-Ahmadi mulla Hafiz Aziz ur Rahman made a writ-petition to the sessions court against 14 persons, mostly Ahmadis, and the SHO police station Mitha Tawana. The 12-page petition is noteworthy for its contents.

The petition papers show that:

1. The Principal of the academy is a 'Muslim'.
2. Two teachers are Ahmadi while five are Muslim.
3. Among the students 83% students are Muslim while 17% are Ahmadi.
4. The Principal has made written statement that Ahmadi teachers have never talked of Ahmadiyyat in the class. Teachers teach only the prescribed syllabus. Ahmadis do not offer their prayers in the Academy.

Despite the above, mullas and the complainant demanded closure of the academy and complained, *inter alia*:

- 1) Quranic and Islamic inscriptions are displayed in the building.
- 2) Respondent Ahmadis have built mosques for worship at their farms. It is in violation of law (sic).
- 3) Two of the respondents are Ahmadi religious teachers appointed from Rabwah. (These two do not teach at Shad Academy. Ed.)
- 4) SHO was requested to register an FIR against the respondents, but he refused to do that; hence this petition.

It should be mentioned that the complainant's petition and his earlier request to the SHO contain lies, fabrications and unsupportable assertions. For example he wrote that words Ya Allah and Ya Muhammad are written on latrines; people are extremely angry with the Academy; etc.

It is relevant to mention that despite the above facts, the Assistant Commissioner Khushab sent a report to the DC that; “Based on a report of the revenue officer, I, undersigned am of the view that under the given circumstances, the situation can deteriorate at any time and an unfortunate incident can occur. In my opinion it will be appropriate to order CEO (DEO) Khushab to cancel the registration of this Academy forthwith, so as to avoid any sectarian situation.”

This AC reminds one of Ms. Jannat Hussain, AC Attock. One may ask him that if marginalized communities’ human rights are to be denied on every complaint of a few mullas of the majority community and the administration and the police are unable to maintain law and order, then what is the point of having ‘writ of the state’ as opposed to the ‘writ of religious bigots from the majority community’?

### **Ahmadi children expelled for their faith**

*Peshawar, September, 2019:* Children of Mr. Mutahar Ahmad from Mehmandabad were studying at Jamal International School Daura Road. Someone told the school management that those children were Ahmadis. The principal told Mr. Ahmad’s children to stop coming to his ‘International’ school.

### **Government stance on revision of text-book’s content**

*Peshawar:* For long Pakistan has been blamed for prescribing text books with hateful contents against religious minorities. An effort was apparently made in the recent past to remove one such content from a text book in KPK. There was however a political back-lash and the PTI government yielded immediately without a groan. A news report from the *Express News* of May 2, 2019 is translated and reproduced below without comment:

### **Orders for action against one who was responsible to change content on Khatme Nabuwat in KPK’s text book**

#### **The change over ‘end of prophethood’ was made without consent of the government: Speaker KPK Assembly**

Web Desk, Thursday, May 2, 2019

**Peshawar:** Mr. Mushtaq Ghani, speaker of KPK Assembly stated that orders for action against those responsible for excluding reference to Khatme Nabuwat have been issued.

In answer to the objection raised by Ms Humaira Khatoon (MMA) MPA over change to lesson on End of Prophethood, Speaker Mushtaq Ghani said that the material was removed without permission of the government; the Education Minister has ordered that the content should be reintroduced, and action be taken against those found responsible for the change.

It should be mentioned that changes were made to pages 13, 14 in the Islamiyat text book for class IV, and content regarding the belief in Khatme Nabuwat was removed.

### **Hateful anti-Ahmadiyya atrocities mount in Peshawar**

**Peshawar, September, 2019:** In KPK the PTI is having a second run in power, but despite its motto of *Riasat Madinah*, its provincial government cares little for Imran Khan's vision of *Riasat Madinah*. For instance:

- Children of Mr. Mutahar Ahmad from Mehmandabad were studying at Jamal International School Daura Road. Someone told the school management that those children were Ahmadis. The principal told Mr. Ahmad's children to stop coming to his 'International' school.
- Mr. Miraj Ahmad of Gulberg Khyber, Peshawar has been running a successful pharmacy business for the last twenty years. Now, for some time members of the Khatme Nabuwwat organization have started creating problems for him. They threaten him and his staff. Consequently his staff has quit working with him.
- Mr. Khalid Rasheed works at a clinic in Bazeed Khail. Recently he had a phone call from an unknown number. The unknown person bad-mouthed against the holy founder of Ahmadiyyat, demanded a million rupees, and threatened to kill him if he didn't fulfill the demand.
- An Ahmadi, Safer Ahmad runs a sales outlet of plastic bottles in Kohati Gate, Peshawar. The owner told him to vacate the shop, for being Ahmadi. He used harsh and severe words against the Ahmadi. Some people intervened and got two months' grace time for Mr. Ahmad.

Mr. Shafiq ur Rehman runs a factory of plastic bottles in Industrial State Kohat Road. Before Eid ul Adha one of his employees conveyed, "A mulla wants to meet you and wants you to become a Muslim". After that Rehman received some booklets and newspapers regarding Khatme Nabuwwat. It seems that his employee is involved in this activity.

### **Hostility prevails in Mardan**

**Mardan:** Ahmadis of Mardan are facing threats and feel at risk in public reaction to a complaint filed on Pakistan's Citizen Portal. The Ahmadi complainant asked for NOC for Ahmadiyya mosque.

Mr. Naseem Ahmad received a letter from Tehrik-e-Taliban Mardan. "*We are warning you to either embrace Islam or leave Mardan. Otherwise it will be disastrous for you and your family*", the letter conveyed.

Also the business community is being pressurized to stop dealing with Ahmadis. Shopkeepers are told in mosques to take the oath of implementing the boycott. An Ahmadi businessman has been told by his shop-owner to vacate the premises, as he is under pressure to throw him out.

Holy Prophet's birthday celebrations were organized by the Beacon House School in which they invited some outsider mullas who took the liberty to change it into a Khatam-e-Nabuwwat event, in which they cursed Ahmadis. There is a female Ahmadi teacher in the staff who now feels insecure because of the incident.

