

Difficulties in Employment, Business for Ahmadis

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Ahmadi deprived of the right of business

Green Town, Lahore; September 26, 2019: Mr. Abdul Aziz is an Ahmadi resident of Green Town, Lahore. He opened a dairy farm in his area, from where the locals could buy milk. He is doing this business for a long time. There is a mosque and *madrassah* in front of his farm, in which mullas organize Khatme Nabuwwat conferences etc.

For some time mullas started inciting the locals against the dairy farm and told people not to buy milk from there as the owner is a *Qadiani*. On the other hand they told Mr. Abdul Aziz to quit Ahmadiyyat if he wanted to continue his business in the area.

After morning prayers on 26th September, mullas organized a protest in front of the dairy farm and gathered a mob. They chanted slogans against Ahmadis. The mob did some wall chalking as, "*Any kind of sale/purchase from a Qadiani is prohibited for Believers*", and "*Qadianis are infidels*" etc, etc. The dairy farm had to be shifted elsewhere.

Ahmadi's livelihood at risk

Gujranwala; April 1, 2019: Mr. Asif Waheed had been working for a cargo company NCCS for the last five years in Lahore. He was living in a room next to his office along with five non-Ahmadi co-workers. On March 11, after Mr. Waheed had gone to his office his roommate Khawar told other roommates about Mr. Waheed's bed sheet that "Allah" seemed to be written on it. Khawar told others that Mr. Waheed had thus committed blasphemy. He reported the matter to the company admin who asked the area manager to investigate. The area manager sent for Mr. Waheed and told him that the staff was enraged. He told him to arrange his residence somewhere else. Mr. Waheed showed him that the bed sheet print carried no "Allah" written anywhere on it. He told the area manager that if he was not supported he would have to go home. "It is up to you", the manager said and didn't show any inclination to suppress the non-issue. Mr. Waheed had to shift to his personal residence. After that Mr. Waheed made several calls to the area manager, with no positive outcome. He was told to have it sorted out at the office. Mr. Waheed is concerned about the risk involved in showing up at the office in these circumstances.

Ahmadi deprived of livelihood for his faith

Mustafa Abad, Lahore; July 2019: Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad had a wholesale business of industrial electrical goods in the main market of Misri Shah in Mustafa Abad, Lahore. His shop was small, so he hired a bigger one. He was shifting the stock to the new shop on July 20, 2019 when the owner of the shop came there with the market committee and said to him, "I have come to know

that you are a Qadiani. Firstly I went to the cleric of the local mosque and then to Data Darbar and have brought a *fatwa* of *Dawat Islami* against you. Therefore you have to vacate my shop.”

Mr. Ahmad had no option but to comply with the hateful *fatwa* against him. While he was vacating the shop, he saw a few mullas in front of the shop. So he hurried the shifting, and piled up the entire stock in his house.

Ahmadi harassed in public duty

Sahiwal; July 2019: Mr. Tahir Ahmad Khan is an Ahmadi and is serving in the Commissioner’s Office, Sahiwal for ten years. For some time, he is facing hostility for being an Ahmadi and is accused of working for his specific community and using the office for that purpose. The accusation is false and fabricated.

A lawyer with the help of his colleagues has undertaken propaganda against Mr. Khan on social media that the ‘Commissioner’s office is held hostage by the specific community.’ Sometimes ago they acted similarly against his father, and he had to close down his business.

Problems for a dutiful Ahmadi government servant

Rawalpindi; May 2019: Mr. Tahir Ahmad Rehan an Ahmadi is serving in the police department for twenty-four years. He is known to be honest and hardworking. For this he faces hostility in and outside the department, and mullas undertake to harass him for his faith.

Mr. Rehan was appointed SHO New Town, Rawalpindi in 2015. After two months of his posting the CPO Rawalpindi asked him, if he was an Ahmadi. He replied, “Yes I am an Ahmadi; however if that is a problem, I may be relieved”. “No, you were promoted on merit; continue”, the boss replied. However, after a few days he was transferred out and then on to other locations in Punjab without assigning a reason. In 2018 again, he was transferred to different posts in Rawalpindi. When he took action against criminals and acted firm, the criminals made his faith an excuse, opposed him and provoked people against him on the social media. The mulla also joined them. Mr. Rehan started receiving threats. Meanwhile he was again transferred. On inquiry he came to know that his transfer was ordered for his faith.

Mr. Rehan is facing departmental investigations on complaints of mullas and criminals. An FIR was lodged against him.

Mr. Rehan is a competent officer and his colleagues acknowledge this.

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.

Threat letter to an Ahmadi-owned academy by *Lashkare Taiba* and *Khatme Nabuwwat*

Rodah, District Khushab; July 9, 2019: Mr. Muhammad Yunus, Ahmadi runs here a school named 'Shad Academy' since 2012 for grades Nursery to grade 8th. About 200 students are enrolled here. The quality of instructions is high.

A few days ago, Lashkare Taiba issued a threat letter that the proprietors of the academy are Qadianis and many children of the town are getting education there. Children are being sexually violated here; therefore the academy should be closed down immediately, they said. If not, the SHO police and civil administration will be responsible for any incident like harm or kidnapping of the children, or its teacher, or any attack. At this, the village chief (*Numbardar*) sent for Mr. Yunus, gave him a copy of the threat letter and told him to close down the academy. Mr. Yunus went to the police station Mitha Tawana and met the SHO. The SHO sent for the village chief. He told all to rest assured as appropriate action would be taken. Next day the SHO and a Special Branch senior accompanied by police contingent visited the academy and told Mr. Yunus to contact them if necessary.

