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ISSUES: Freedom of religion and belief, religious intolerance, hate, violence against religious minorities, judicial system

Dear Friends,

The Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) has learned from the UK media that a Pakistani born Ahmadi was stabbed to death in Glasgow, Scotland by a Pakistani Muslim. Asad Shah was brutally stabbed 30 times with a kitchen knife and had his head stamped on, after posting Easter greetings on Facebook. Shah had previously posted media on interfaith meetings, tolerance and against extremism.

Militant Muslim leaders and organizations in Pakistan have recently threatened Ahmadi Muslims to abandon their religious activities, or face attack in any part of the world.

CASE NARRATIVE:

According to the *Daily Mail UK*, *Daily Independent UK*, *Daily Record UK* and *BBC News*,

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Facebook page: "Very happy Easter especially to my beloved Christian nation! Bismillah let's follow the real footsteps of beloved Holy Jesus Christ (PBUH) and get the real success in both worlds."

Please see the links :

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/asad-shah-murder-glasgow-police-seize-uber-taxi-transporting-killer-muslim-a6957881.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3511897/Muslim-newsagent-killed-fellow->

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<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-35898543>

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/popular-glasgow-shopkeeper-stabbed-death-7625471#lgmtHSyVs8mIBl3q.97>

A 32-year-old man has been arrested in relation to the murder. According to police investigators, the murderer had already left for Glasgow before Mr. Asad posted Easter

greetings on Facebook; Mr. Asad's YouTube video where he preached on religious issues and spoke against extremism are cited to be the real reason behind his murder.

Khatme Nabuwatt, an organization that has taken upon itself to guard the ideology of finality of prophet hood, has congratulated all Muslims on Asad's murder. Its Facebook page contains a gloating message on the cold blooded murder, saying "Congratulations to all Muslims." The closed Facebook group is strongly against the Ahmadi sect of Islam. The social media page has more than 13,000 members and incites sectarian hatred.

Mr. Asad's murder is believed to be the first major anti-Ahmadi incident in the UK, and has sparked fears Islamic sectarianism is spreading. Asad's family are also receiving threats and have been advised by the police not to disclose their location.

A few days before Asad Shah's murder, the Imam of the Grand Central Mosque in Glasgow, Scotland's biggest mosque, belonging to the majority Sunni sect of Islam, was caught posting a message on the internet praising the Muslim extremist who murdered Pakistani governor Salman Taseer for opposing blasphemy laws. A prominent figure, the mufti was followed and respected by many Muslims of the area. Such religious zealotry has cost many innocents their lives, yet the Islamic state of Pakistan refuses to acknowledge its role in curbing sectarian violence.

The Ahmadis being a peace loving community who dispel extremism seems to fuel the hatred against them. Pakistan's orthodox clergy, branding its own version of Islam, has recently started an agitation against the hanging of Mumtaz Qadri, the self-professed murderer of the ex-governor of Punjab. As part of its agitation, the group is now staging a sit-in in front of the parliament in Islamabad. Among the 10-point charter of demands presented to the media, is a demand that "all Ahmadis should be expelled from the country and that all Ahmadis working in government departments should be terminated from service". The protestors have refused to end their protest until their demands are met. If the Ahmadis are not expelled from Pakistan, 'they will not be saved anywhere in the world'



Floral tributes have been placed at the scene and hundreds of people, including First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, took part in a silent vigil there on Friday night in memory of the shopkeeper.