

## Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

### News Report July 2016

Prosecution based on faith and greed

**Chaubarah, District Layya:** Mian Muhammad Khan Joya, Ahmadi was booked fraudulently under PPC 406 by the police on complaint of his opponents who are motivated by greed and used faith to promote self-interest. Mr. Joya is father-in-law of Ms. Maryam Khatun who was killed by these opponents in December 2011 for the same reasons.

Our fact-finders have found that the charges against Mr. Joya are fabricated and baseless. The accusers are those who killed his daughter-in-law almost five years ago. On their behest Mr. Joya was arrested on June 26, 2016 and was remanded in police custody. On July 11, 2016 he was granted bail.

His opponents are a powerful gang, masters in dealing with police and processing litigation and prosecution. Along with this case, they had a similar case registered with Satrah police in District Sialkot.

On July 11, 2016 when Mr. Joya was released by the court on bail, the Satrah police was on hand to arrest him in the second and similar case. He has applied for bail.

He is behind bars and his ordeal continues.

Ahmadi marriages not being registered in some L.G. offices

**Lahore; July 28, 2016:** The daily Express Tribune published the following story today, it is reproduced in totality; it reflects the attitude of the authorities to the needs of so-called minorities:

#### **Basic right: Ahmadi, Christian marriages not being registered**

*By Rana Tanveer*

Published: July 28, 2016

**LAHORE:** The Walton Cantonment Board and the Lahore Cantonment Board do not register marriages of Christians and Ahmadis, stating that they only register marriages solemnized under Muslim Family Laws Ordinance 1961.

Christians and Ahmadi communities have made arrangements on their own for registration.

Rights activists and community representatives say the discrimination should end.

Talking to The Express Tribune, Peter Jacob, Centre for Social Justice Director, said that a large number of Christians lived in cantonment areas. "They are denied the right to get their marriages registered. On March 12, 2015, a deputy attorney general had undertaken before the Supreme Court that the government would ensure registration of marriages of all couples from minority communities.

However, nothing has been done in this regard so far," he said.

He said that a Christian man had approached the Walton Cantonment Board administration last month for getting his marriage registered.

"He asked them for the prescribed form, but he was refused. He got them to write down the reason. They said that they did not extend the service to Christians or Ahmadis," he said.

Jacob said that it was injustice that a government body had refused to acknowledge Christian marriages.

Saleemuddin, a Jamaat Ahmadiyya spokesperson, told The Express Tribune that they had established their own system for registering marriages. "After some effort, we were able to convince NADRA to acknowledge our marriages. Nevertheless, our people still face problems when they are asked to prove their marital relationship to embassies and consulates while applying for visas," he said.

He said several Ahmadi families were residing in cantonments. "However, none of our marriages have been registered with the cantonment administration. They register births and deaths, but flatly refuse when it comes to marriages. They say that they only register marriages which fall under the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance 1961," he said. He said that there was no provision in the ordinance to bar cantonment administrations from registering marriages of minority communities.

Rana Sajjad, the Walton Cantonment Board prosecutor superintendent, told The Express Tribune that they did not register marriages of Ahmadis or Christians. He said legislation was needed in this regard. "We register marriages under Muslim Family Laws Ordinance 1961," he said. He said they needed directions in this regard which they had not received so far.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/1150717/basic-right-ahmadi-christian-marriages-not-registered/>

A sample from routine reports issued on on-going anti-Ahmadi cases in courts

**Rabwah:** Internal reports are circulated periodically within Ahmadi headquarters on the latest status of cases active in courts against Ahmadi accused. Translation of a sample is produced here this month to show how these cases are attended to in courts while innocent accused or convicted Ahmadis suffer in extreme weather in prisons, awaiting justice or areview of their pleas. Brief 'Background' on each case is provided to introduce the case to the reader. The Reported 'Update' as on July 21 is produced here. Comments are added to spotlight the plight of the accused.

## **Case I**

### ***Background***

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### **Update Report**

**The next date of hearing of this case is scheduled on August 4 (two weeks hence); statement of the investigating officer is expected on that date.**

### ***Comment***

This bread winner of his family, innocent of any crime, a learned man in the profession of journalism and printing is in prison for the last 16 months. The mullas trapped him in a false fabricated case. The police provided them support. The Punjab government's policy dictates compliance with the wishes of religious bigots at the cost of marginalized sections of 'other'

belief systems. The judiciary is no hurry to override and suppress corrupt practices. Result: the innocent suffer in prisons indefinitely.

## **Case II**

### ***Background***

Officials of Punjab's Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) accompanied by a contingent of the Elite Force raided Shakoor Bhai's shop where Ahmadiyya books were on sale, arrested him and Mr. Mazhar Abbas the shop assistant, a Shia, on December 2, 2015. A speedy trial in an Anti-terrorism Court dispensed 5 years' imprisonment to each of the two accused, while Mr. Abdul Shakoor, an octogenarian, was sentenced in addition to three years' imprisonment under the anti-Ahmadiyya law.

### **Update Report**

**An appeal lies with the Lahore High Court against the awarded punishment. No date of hearing has been scheduled since June 22 (more than 5 weeks ago).**

### ***Comment***

This 80 years old man used to sell Ahmadiyya publications which have been accused by the mulla for the last hundred years to be anti-Jihad. Last year the Counter Terrorism Department of the government of Punjab arrested this octogenarian, on orders issued under the influence of Ulama. His shop-assistant, a Shia was the co-accused; this obviously proves that there was nothing in the shop even remotely blasphemous against Islam. The higher judiciary, apparently accords no priority to the plight and pleas of the elderly who cry for justice at its door. According to press reports, the findings of the inquiry in attack on Amjad Sabri is; No clue, yet. Similarly, the CTD in the Punjab remains clueless about the mastermind and facilitators of Gulshan Iqbal Park blast, four months after the incident. However, update on Mr. Abdul Shakoor Ahmadi is: 'Raided, arrested, tried, held guilty and now in prison for over 9 months to serve imprisonment of 8 years, only a few days after the decision was made to incriminate him -a soft target, indeed.

## **Case III**

### ***Background***

A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadi, Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura under PPC 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Mr. Khalil Ahmad was then murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused Ahmadi were arrested on July 18, 2014. They are in prison. Their bails were cancelled.

### **Update Report**

**A hearing was scheduled today, however no proceedings took place. Next given date of hearing is August 9.**

### ***Comment***

The accused allegedly tore down an anti-Ahmadi objectionable poster. They have been in prison for over two years, and their trial proceeds at snail's pace. What if three years after their arrest they are found 'not guilty' of violating the severe PPC 295-A! They would not even be considered for any compensation. One of them has already been killed while in police custody. Whither justice!

## Case IV

### **Background**

Mr. Qamar Ahmad was charged under PPC 295-B for alleged desecration of the Holy Quran in Jhelum, and was arrested on November 20, 2015. Bigots attacked the Ahmadi-owned factory and Ahmadi's houses after his arrest and set them on fire after looting the valuables. Those who attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque have been granted bail, but not Mr. Ahmad.

### **Update Report**

The latest hearing date was July 18, however there were no proceedings. The next given date is August 13 (almost a month later).

### **Comment**

No Ahmadi would even contemplate defiling the Holy Quran. This is their scripture and the Holy Writ. Mr. Ahmad is innocent. He is behind bars for over eight months as a victim of controversial blasphemy laws. He was not granted bail. The judiciary is content with the time it takes to find an accused Not Guilty in a Blasphemy case.

## Ahmadi dead denied Ahmadiyya burial

**Lahore:** Mr. Nurul Mustafa, an Ahmadi died in an accident on July 11, 2016. His family and the mullas denied Ahmadi's give him an Ahmadiyya burial.

Mr. Mustafa and his wife and children joined the Ahmadiyya Jamaat 9 years ago. His brothers knew about this. He was running a school. He had got himself enlisted in a special group of Ahmadi's who, under special provisions, are entitled to burial in BahashtiMaqbarah(a graveyard) in Rabwah.

After his death, the community officials visited his wife who stated that as per the deceased's will, he should be buried in the specified graveyard in Rabwah. His brothers, however, were opposed to that.

Non-Ahmadi's assembled in the house supported Mr. Mustafa's brothers in opposing the burial at Rabwah. The situation became tense on account of this difference of opinion regarding the burial. It could have resulted in a clash.

The Ahmadi elders on the spot telephoned the Deputy Amir for advice and instructions. He was of the opinion that Ahmadi's, as per policy, do not indulge in clash and violence. He instructed the Ahmadi delegation to withdraw and let the non-Ahmadi's handle the deceased as they wished.

## An extensive specialist course on a sectarian theme

**Chiniot:** Idara Markazia Dawat-o-Irshad Chiniot, a madrassah run by mulla Ilyas Chinioti, a PML-N MPA advertised in the ultra-right-wing daily Islam a one-year long specialist course on Safeguarding the dogma of End of Prophethood, in its issue of July 18, 2016. The ad's salient entries and features are translated below:

- Admission to One-year Specialist Course in Tahaffuz Aquida Khatme Nabuwwat
- Commencing on July 15, 2016
- For scholars and women scholars

A few other special features:

- Special attention to the art of rhetoric and debate
- Under supervision of respected teachers competent in the intricacies of Qadianiat

- On-the-job training on Internet (Khatme Nabuwwat issue)
- DCA diploma in computer applications under supervision of IT Incharge
- Rs. 2000/- p.m. stipend to participants
- Avail of this great opportunity as only Idara Markazia Dawat-o-Irshad provides such specialist 1-year course in Pakistan.

Phone numbers and E-mail address provided in the ad.

It is worth noting that it is often the mullas of the End of Prophethood faction who openly insist at public meetings that Ahmadis are *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be put to death). They are blatantly sectarian and preach violence. There is evidence that, in the past, youth were recruited for violent action, in similar Khatme Nabuwwat courses held in Chenab Nagar/Chiniot. How come this sort of activity is openly undertaken in the face of declared policy of the National Action Plan? Also relevant is the question: **What is the source of funds required to run such a course?**

A vernacular daily reports on Ahmadiyya issue -a sample

**Karachi:** The daily Ummat, published in Karachi filed a report as ‘Ummat Report’ on July 18, 2016 on Ahmadiyya community’s activities in Karachi. It is a deliberate dishonest mix of some facts with numerous fabrications and conjectures. It is a report that repeatedly violates fair journalistic standards and is a sample of corrupt and harmful journalism. Space does not allow the reproduction of the entire report here, so we, produce translation of only some extracts from this ‘Ummat Report’ of the daily that claims publication from offices in Karachi, Hyderabad, Rawalpindi and Peshawar:

#### **14 Qadiani Networks Active in Karachi**

These activities are undertaken in 7 suburbs of the city. Poor Muslims are trapped by offers of free medical care, rations, jobs in foreign countries and financial support. Bagh-i-Ahmad, the Qadiani graveyard is one of the centres of Qadiani proselytization.

...Activists of Qadiani preaching network specifically target suburban and coastal areas of Karachi in the garb of providing medical assistance, whereby they trap poor and sick and make them succumb to the benefit and greed of free treatment.

... Qadianis have been establishing secret networks in Defense, Tariq Rd, Gulshan Iqbal, North Nazimabad and other locations.

....Bagh-e-Ahmad, this Qadiani graveyard has high parameter walls. Next to its gate is the guard room. One of the guards, on plea of not disclosing his name, stated that he is a guard there for the last 10 years, and ... he disclosed that often rich Qadianis come there in their expensive cars. They shut the gates, turn out the guards with instructions to warn them of anyone coming to the site. The guard said that these people often met in the hall inside while armed guards are on duty outside. This is normally done on Sundays as Qadianis undertake Work Day and clean-up their worship places and graveyards on Sundays...

....Sources disclose that Qadianis look for poor people, trap them with offers of expensive treatments in big hospitals and free medicines. ... Ahmad Qadiani in Jinnah Hospital undertakes rounds of the Emergency Ward (for this purpose); he lives in Sector ... of North Karachi.

This daily and its reporter could easily produce a similar report on the ‘activities’ of Mr. Abdus Sattar Edhi who surely was active with the poor, the needy and the sick, and he and his colleagues were often seen in clinics, hospitals and graveyards.

It is no secret that Ahmadis are resident in scores of Karachi neighbourhoods and their local communities are well-organized, mostly for over half a century, to attend to community functions which include social services to not only their own members but also to others, regardless of creed, colour, ethnicity or language. The Ummat has indulged in painting Ahmadiyya charity as dishonesty, sinister and scandalous. One wishes that the Ummat itself would do something similar and positive for the poor Ummah.

Also, this hostile propaganda report reminds one of the following statement conveyed to the UNHRC in 2010 by the International Humanist and Ethical Union while referring to the Ahmadiyya situation in Pakistan:

**“Need we remind the Council and the government of Pakistan that it was government and media support for expressions of hatred that led to the Nazi holocaust and the genocide in Rwanda.”**

‘Pakistan, no home for Ahmadis’

**Lahore:** The prestigious Daily Times of Lahore made an editorial comment at the occasion of target killing of Dr Abdul Khaleeq in Karachi, in its issue of June 22, 2016. Excerpts:

### **Pakistan, no home for Ahmadis**

A 50 years-old doctor, belonging to the Ahmadi community, was gunned down in his clinic in the Abul Hasan Ispahani area of Karachi on Monday evening. Reportedly, the murder of Dr Chaudhry Abdul Khaleeq was second such incident in the same vicinity within a month. He was shot in his clinic where he sustained a single bullet wound to his head and died on the spot, as confirmed by SSP Malir Rao Anwar. The officer was of the opinion that it was a targeted attack. Later, a Jamaat Ahmadiyya spokesperson confirmed that the deceased belonged to their community.

Earlier in May, another member of the Ahmadiyya community was shot in a suspected targeted attack in the Metroville-II area of Karachi. Dawood Ahmad, 55, was sitting outside his home when two gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire on him. The victim had sustained five bullet wounds to different parts of the body and was taken to a private hospital, where he succumbed to injuries during treatment.

...The subjugation of Ahmadis started soon after independence in 1947. Led by Jamaat-i-Islami, right-wing groups spearheaded anti-Ahmadi campaigns. The first such violent movement erupted in Punjab in 1953, resulting in the imposition of martial law in the province. The military dictator, president of Pakistan, Zia-ul-Haq, furthered the agenda by passing an ordinance making it unlawful for Ahmadis to identify themselves as Muslims. In 2010, in Lahore, 86 Ahmadi worshippers were brutally murdered by the Punjabi Taliban. In December last year, protests had erupted after a shopkeeper was arrested for displaying anti-Ahmadi banners at his shop at Hafeez Centre, amid a crackdown by city authorities against posting hate material.

Over the years, speaking out on sensitive issues such as religious discrimination has become increasingly dangerous, highlighted by murders of some high-profile people including Salman Taseer.

The death of Dr Khaleeq comes in the wake of a ban imposed on Hamza Ali Abbasi by PEMRA for questioning the second amendment which declares Ahmadis non-Muslims in his TV show. All Abbasi did was ask the clergy on his show; is it allowed in religion to have the state declare anyone non-Muslim?

Unless a debate does not start in the mainstream media and public against the persecution of minorities and other sensitive issues like the blasphemy laws, religious fanatics will continue to exploit gullible people to incite violence against the minorities and everyone who dare to question their authority.

Pakistan came into existence to respect the rights of Muslims who felt persecuted in the Hindu-dominated India. And after its existence, what happened to Pakistan is the antithesis of what the essence of Pakistan was; a free country for all who made it their home. The persecution of non-Muslims and Shias and Ahmadis is a black stain on the soul of Pakistan, darkening the white on its flag irreparably, and sullyng the message of equality and brotherhood emphasized upon by Jinnah.

<http://dailytimes.com.pak/editorial/22-Jun-16/pakistan-no-home-for-ahmadis>

#### Ahmadis behind bars

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5. Mian M K Joya was booked fraudulently by the police on behest of his communal and personal opponents in two police stations under a PPC that can be conveniently exploited by one's opponents in collusion with police to harass a victim. Mr. Joya, when granted bail by one court was arrested immediately by another contingent of police from the other police station. Sometime ago the same band of opponents attacked the victim's family and murdered a woman, Ms Maryam Khatun.

From the media

**Five of a family (Ahmadis) detained for ‘terrorism’**

*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, July 2, 2016*

**Basic right: Ahmadi, Christian marriages not being registered**

*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, July 28, 2016*

**Zafar Wal: Woman quits Qadiani faith and accepts Islam. Nasreen Akhtar impressed by Islam by Islamic teachings converts at the hand Hafiz Abdul Ghafur Rehan.**

*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, July 26, 2016*

**Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) residents of Darul Nasr deprived of basic civic necessities**

**Streets broken down, mud roads turn into marsh due defective drainage system, flies and mosquitoes abound.**

**Drinking water is not available. Impossible to make a sortie after rains. CM urged to take notice and take action against negligent officials.**

*The daily Express; Faisalabad, July 11, 2016*

**Qadianis are busy implementing the Zionist agenda: Maulana Ilyas Chinioti (a PML-N MPA from Chiniot, Punjab)**

*The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, July 23, 2016*

**Qadianis wish to push Pakistan into civil war: (Mulla) Abdul Hafeez Makki (of Makka, SA)**

*The daily Islam; Lahore, July 18, 2016*

**14 Qadiani networks active in Karachi: UmmatReport**

*The dailyUmmat; Karachi, July 18, 2016*

**Killing of Hindu youth heightens communal tension in Ghotki (Sindh)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 28, 2016*

**The LJ militant killed in Quetta gun battle**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 1, 2016*

**LJ militant held in Karachi for nine targeted killings**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 2, 2016*

**US commander confirms APS massacre mastermind killed**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 14, 2016*

**Kashmir will soon become Pakistan, says Nawaz**

*The daily Nation; Lahore, July 23, 2016*

**The world is at the edge of destruction. Advent of Imam Mehdi is at hand. Seminar in Islamic Center of England**

<http://e.jang.com.pak/06-09-2016/London/pk.asp>

**India probes preacher Naik’s speeches after Dhaka killings**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 9, 2016*

**Switzerland denies citizenship to Muslim girls refusing to swim with boys**

*The daily Nation; Lahore, July 2, 2016*

**French PM moots ban on foreign funded mosques**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 30, 2016*

**Four killed in blast near Masjid-i-Nabwi (The Prophet’s mosque in SA)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 5, 2016*

**Indian troops kill three more Kashmiris (taking the death toll to at least 42 since July 9)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 20, 2016*

- Iran destroys 100,000 satellite dishes (for TV reception)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 25, 2016*
- Indonesian Police close down Ahmadiyya mosque in West Java**  
<http://rbwh.pk/Irg on July 27, 2016>
- Pope Frances says ‘world at war’ but religion not cause**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 28, 2016*
- Saudis in rare visit to Israel**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 25, 2016*
- Anger over security as Iraqis mourn 200 dead in Baghdad bombing**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 5, 2016*
- Terrorist trucker kills 84 celebrating France’s Bastille Day**  
*The daily News; Lahore, July 16, 2016*
- 80 dead as IS claims Kabul blasts**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 24, 2016*
- Daish militants kill 20 hostages (mostly foreign) at Dhaka café**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, July 3, 2016*
- At least six dead in Munich mall attack**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, July 23, 2016*
- US army reservist ‘upset at whites’ kills five policemen**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 9, 2016*
- 1600 varsity deans sacked, 15,000 school workers suspended in Turkey (after failed coup)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 20, 2016*
- Dhaka slaps ban on Peace TV (of Zakir Naik)**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, July 11, 2016*
- History made as Clinton chinch nomination of Democratic Party**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 20, 2016*
- Pakistan Ulama Council registered as political party. Election Commission issues notification.**  
*The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, July 16, 2016*
- PML-N, PTI leaders blamed for rising extremism: (Former Punjab governor, Makhdoom Mahmood)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 28, 2016*
- Special court orders seizure of Musharraf’s assets**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, July 20, 2016*
- Bilawal never had a morsel from halal income: Sanaullah**  
*The daily Express; Faisalabad, July 4, 2016*
- PML-N grabs 31 seats (out of 41) in AJK elections**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 23, 2016*
- Sharif picks Raja Farooq as AJK PM-elect**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 28, 2016*
- KP belongs to Afghans as well: Ackakzai**  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 1, 2016*
- Leaders of three parties(MQM,PSP and PPP) arrested in Dr Asim case**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 20, 2016*

**New cybercrime bill still far from perfect: Report**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 28, 2016*

**Pakistan: now an orphan (Abdus Sattar Edhi died)**

*The daily Jang; Lahore, July 9, 2016*

**It is robbery at national treasury to officially revoke loans worth 280 billion: Ch.Sarwar (PTI)**

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, July 24, 2016*

**Stolen car 'recovered' from (police) SHO**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 24, 2016*

**Social media starlet (Qandeel Baloch) murdered for honour**

*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, July 17, 2016*

Op-ed            In a crazy world, we need to daydream

So here I am surrounded by evil, wickedness and hate, the world going mad all at once and all I can think of this, if only Freddie Mercury and Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan had lived long enough to sing together.

Call it cracking under pressure, the demands of an exhausted mind demanding some respite, a moment of rest in an angry vicious world. There's just so much a person can take.

Instead of sweet music, we are doomed to listen to Donald Trump's nasty rants. The man many once shrugged off as a freak show is now likely to be the next president of the United States. Interestingly, he is best friends with Vladimir Putin, the other angry middle-aged strongman, Turkey's RecepTayyip Erdogan, who having escaped a military coup is now busy rounding up and punishing all and sundry. Oh yes, and there is talk of reinstating the death penalty.

Here in Europe, there are mad men aplenty too. Hungary's right-wing Prime Minister ViktorOrban has described the arrival of asylum seekers in Europe as a poison, saying his country did not want or need a single migrant.

Geert Wilders, the leader of the Dutch far right Freedom Party told the Republican Party Convention in Cleveland that he is set to become the next prime minister of the Netherlands, "I don't want more Muslims in the Netherlands... and I am proud to say that," he told a cheering crowd of Americans.

To much applause, Britain's new Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson lied and misled his way during the Brexit campaign that he headed. Nigel Farage, the xenophobic leader of the UK Independence Party has promised to help anti-EU protesters in France and other countries. Marine Le Pen, the leader of the French far right has become even more popular in the wake of recent terrorist attacks.

But there is hope yet. The world is not completely dark and dirty, at least not yet...

*Shada Islam; The daily Dawn's rep in Brussels on July 30, 2016*

Article by Asian Human Rights Commission

**INDIA: Cow worshippers chew up the rule of law**

A magisterial/judicial order directing the police to register a first information report and investigate a (Muslim) family that lost its provider in a mob lynching would seem impossible for anyone living in a rule of law system. But in the self-designated largest democracy of the world, this is what happened on 14 July 2016.

...And all this while similar lynch mobs committing such 'beef murders' across India on mere suspicion. They happened in Jharkhand, in Haryana, in Himachal Pradesh, and elsewhere, with perpetrators hardly ever brought to book. The last of these beef murders occurred in Una, Gujarat, wherein the perpetrators were brazen enough to beat up 4 Dalit youths right in front of a police station.

...Why does the same judiciary fail to do justice to the victims of criminal lynch mobs that are often referred to as cow vigilante groups in the media by taking the criminal tag away? The answer to this question exposes the façade that the justice system of the country has successfully maintained despite its gigantic failures in delivering justice to the poor and the needy. It has failed the victims of mass violence repeatedly: remember sectarian carnages from Nellie in Assam, Delhi, or Gujarat. It has also repeatedly failed to deliver justice to victims of other mob crimes, more so if they are poor and needy.

AHRC-ART-037-2016 on July 15, 2016

Statement AHRCINDIA: Cycles of violence and revenge must end

The Army, the paramilitary, and the police have been accused of killing, blinding, and maiming innocents. The violent protests began on July 8 and the clashes have resulted in the death of more than 42 people, and injured more than 3,400 people, including 1,600 security force personnel.

There have been heart-breaking reports of police and armed forces brutalizing and terrorizing the injured people, many of whom were on their way to the hospital in ambulances. There are reports of police officers stopping ambulances and attacking and torturing patients and their attendants and of paramilitary officials molesting and stripping a woman who was on her way to the hospital. These incidents are shameful and abhorrent, and reek of the need of police and military officials to be vengeful and cause harm to the 'other', in this case the Kashmiri people.

AHRC-STM-106-2016

Article by Asian Human Rights Commission

### Turning cows into man-eaters

...And that is exactly what has started happening in India. The cow fanatics are on a rampage for a while now. They have attacked, assaulted, maimed, and killed many. The citizenry duly approached the law enforcement for redress and got none. Citizens tried even more, through political mobilization, protests, and other democratic means.

However, the law enforcement has remained hand in glove with the criminal vigilantes, filing First Information Reports against them; under anti cow-slaughter acts while taking no action against the criminals.

The Dalit (and Muslim) citizens learnt their lesson, and the lesson is that the State will fail to protect them. And, this lesson shows how the State has lost the very basic reason behind its existence.

Cows have always been herbivorous animals that eat grass. The State must not turn them into man-eaters. And, the only way to ensure this is for the State to reclaim authority of being the sole source of legitimate coercion, is to prosecute the vigilantes, and to send them where they belong: the country's prisons. AHRC-ART-039-2016

**Annex:** The true colours of Jamaat Islami

## The true colours of Jamaat Islami on display

**Introduction:** On June 11, 2016 Mr. Hamza Ali Abbasi briefly discussed the oppression of the Ahmadi community in his program on Aaj TV and posed the question to his guests: whether the state could declare a community non-Muslim. He said that he would take up this issue and that of the blasphemy law during the last days of the on-going Ramzan.

This comment and the intention of Abbasi caused a storm in the media, including social media – both in favour and against him. Jamaat Islami declared that if PEMRA, the regulating authority took no notice, the JI would take it up to the Supreme Court against the program.

Ms Madeeha Hanif who claims to be Social Worker of Islami Jamiat Talibat Pakistan (Official), the female student wing of the Jamaat Islami, posted the following in vermicular on her Facebook account. We provide its translation. The not-so-veiled grave threats therein to Mr. Abbasi, the TV channel, and its owners are noteworthy. Jamaat Islami's ability to generate such hate, rage and intrigue in its youth is indeed amazing – and that too in the fair name of Islam and its Prophet (PBUH). It also reminds one of the JI's role in 1971 civil war in (then) East Pakistan.

Note: This post was later removed from the Facebook for its content.

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(Translation)

- Where exactly lives this Hamza Ali Abbasi?
- Are there nearby any lovers of my Prophet? Why don't they make life unbearable for this person?
- Does no moth of the Prophet's light live on his route, who could defile him the way he defiles the (Islamic) faith? To which school his children go?
- Would someone lovingly inform them of the defiling undertaken by their shameless father, like the grandson of Ayub Khan who shouted a slogan in favour of the Prophet before the wretched man? Would someone insult him; become a Moses in the home of Pharaoh?
- Any relative of his? Anyone who would socially boycott him for faith and stop eating at his table?
- Any friend with a sense of shame, who would tell him that he could not be his if he was not of his Prophet?
- Would someone declare to be unfriendly to him and boycott his program from today?
- Are there people who would knock at the door of Aaj TV office?
- Only those who are unnecessarily harassing poor Junaid Jamshed?
- Are there any who could *en-masse* start blowing their horns in front of TV's offices?
- Someone should refuse to guard the shameless Zuberi family whose billions have not sufficed to put a stop to their lust for wealth and rating and lack of scruples?
- Let some lawyer rise and in thirst for the Holy Water (*Jam Kausar*) move a court against Hamza!