## ANTI-AHMADIYYA RALLIES HELD IN RABWAH ON 12 RABI-UL-AWWAL, 1438 HEGIRA, I.E., 12 DECEMBER 2016

On 12 December 2016, anti-Ahmadiyya elements held a number of rallies in Rabwah to commemorate 12 Rabi-ul- Awwal, the date on which the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was born.

The first rally, which began at Masjid Bukhari, also known as Masjid Allah Yar Arshad, was led by Maulwi Umair Arshad. It was attended by around 150 men who started the rally at the Rabwah bus stand and walked up to the Aqsa Chowk where quite a few maulwis addressed the gathering. Later, the participants of the rally went back to Rabwah bus stand and dispersed.

Another rally was held at around 11:30 AM. It was led by Maulwi Rizwan and was attended by around 100 men. The attendees shouted different slogans and joined the participants of the first rally at Rabwah bus stand. People from Chiniot and neighboring villages also took part in the rally. The participants kept reciting 'Na'ats' (poems eulogizing the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him) for some time and then dispersed.

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Khatm-e-Nubuwwat Conference was held at Masjid Ahrar in Kot Wasawa. The conference began at 11:30 AM and was attended by around 300-325 men. It was chaired by Maulwi Ataul Muhaiman Shah Bukhari, Amir Majlis Ahrar-ul-Islam. Among the other participants were Maulwi Shaukat Naseer of Gujranwala; Maulwi Muhammad Asad Madni of Karachi; Maulwi Ata-ur-Rahman Qureshi of Sindh; Maulwi Sarfraz Muawiya of Chicha Watni; Maulwi Abd-ul-Mannan of Gujrat; Khawaja Aziz Ahmad Kundiani Sharif of Mianwali; Maulwi Abd-ul-Lateef Cheema of Chicha Watni and Maulwi Pir Abu Zar of Islamabad.

Maulwi Shaukat Naseer made a speech on the life and morals of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Maulwi Muhammad Asad Madni of Karachi also made a speech whereby he shed light on the life-history of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and condemned the naming of a block in the Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad after Dr Abdus Salam.

The next speech was made by Maulwi Ata-ur-Rahman Qureshi of Sindh. He eulogized the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and then used extremely abusive language about the Ahmadiyya Jama'at.

Later a speech was made by Maulwi Sarfraz Muawiya of Chicha Watni. He used uncivilized language about the Promised Messiah and said: 'Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani and his followers are out of the pale of Islam. The Qadianis are a wicked lot of people who have sought to rob the Holy Prophet,

peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, of his prophethood. The Qadiani group is fully backed by the British'. After making these remarks, he used terribly foul language about the Ahmadiyya Jama'at.

The next speaker was Maulwi Abd-ul-Mannan of Gujrat. He eulogized the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and then strongly criticized the Jama'at. He also said that the Qadianis deny the creed of Khatme-Nubuwwat, that they are out of the pale of Islam and that they are disbelievers and apostates.

The next speech was made by Maulwi Abu Zar of Islamabad. He used defamatory remarks about the Jama'at and incited the public to violence against the Jama'at.

The conference ended at 1:30 PM, after which the participants took out a procession which emerged from Masjid Ahrar, Kot Wasawa, at around 2:20 PM. The participants walked past the Degree College and reached Rahman Colony from where they arrived at the Ghor Dor Ground and then via College Road walked up to the Aqsa Chowk. Meanwhile the procession taken out by the Ahrars came to a halt in front of Iwan-e-Mahmood where speeches were made by Maulwi Syed Kafeel Shah Bukhari of Multan; Maulwi Abdul Lateef Khalid Cheema of Cheecha Watni; Maulwi Muhammad Mugheera; Maulwi Mufti Muhammad Hasan of Lahore and Syed Ata-ul-Muhaiman Shah Bukhari. All of them used appallingly uncivilized language about the Jama'at.

Maulwi Abdul Lateef Khalid Cheema said: 'Whatever has been confiscated from the office of Tahrik-e-Jadid was definitely not placed there by us. The Qadianis should abandon the accursed course and enter the fold of Islam'.

Other maulwis also made speeches during which they said: We invite the Qadianis to accept Islam. They should embrace Islam; otherwise they are apostates and shall enter Hell. The Qadianis are involved in gang culture in Chenab Nagar (Rabwah). We invite them to Islam wherever we can. They are traitors to this nation and country. The Jewish lobby is backing them. The National Action Plan should be directed towards the terrorism committed by the Oadianis.

In short, the maulwis kept making hateful speeches against the Jama'at inciting the public to violence against the Ahmadis. At around 4:30, the procession began to march towards the bus stand, where the crowd later dispersed. Around 2500-3000 men attended the procession. Heavy presence of the police was witnessed on this occasion.

As the anti-Ahmadiyya elements had attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque in Dulmial on the same day, a large number of police was deputed for security in

Rabwah. The DCO himself paid a visit to the town and met the Maulwi who led the rallies. He strongly told the Maulwi not to incite violence and keep the speeches confined to the subject of Rabi-ul-Awwal. The local police and administration remained in touch with the administration of the Jama'at throughout the day.

The participants of the  $39^{\text{TH}}$  Annual Khatm-e-Nubuwwat Conference which was held on 12 December 2016, i.e., 12 Rabi-ul- Awwal, 1438 Hegira, passed the following resolutions against the ahmadiyya Jama'at:

- The Annual Ahrar Khatm-e-Nubuwwat Conference demands that the government of Pakistan should implement the Islamic Shariah without any delay and accomplish the true goals of the creation of Pakistan, so that the country becomes a beacon of peace and security.
- The participants of this conference declare RAW, MOSAD and CIA to be responsible for the disorder in Baluchistan and demand that the government should expose the heinous role being played by some neighboring countries and the hidden activities of sabotage being committed by the Qadianis in this connection. The government should launch a powerful operation against the elements that are involved in spreading ethnic and cultural biases in Pakistan, so that peace is fully restored in the country.
- The participants of the conference strongly criticize and reject the naming of the National Centre for Physics at the Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, after Dr Abdus Salam. This is a conscious step towards declaring Dr Abdus Salam a Muslim. The participants of the conference demand that the government should immediately declare this decision to be null and void and thus alleviate the distress and worry caused by to the Muslim world particularly to the Muslims living in Pakistan by this decision.
- Instead of curtailing the constitutional powers of the Council of Islamic Ideology, the government should allow it to work independently and the recommendations of the council should be made part of the constitution with the removal of the hurdles in the way of their implementation.
- The participants of the conference express concern over the Punjab government's efforts to return to the Qadianis their educational institutions and demand that the government, instead of destroying the ideological and intellectual foundations of the Muslim students, should assist them in the task of maintaining their ideological and Islamic identity.
- A commendable tradition has been initiated by the arrests at the hands of an intelligence agency of the Qadianis involved in the publication of the Qadiani journals such as 'Alfazl' and 'Tahrik-e-Jadid' and other banned literature. The participants of the conference, therefore, demand that the nationwide unconstitutional activities of the Qadianis should be brought under control and brought within the limits of the law.
- The participants of the conference declare the nationwide activities of the Qadianis to be utterly disturbing and detrimental to the agreed upon beliefs, the constitution and law of Pakistan, and, therefore, demand that all state institutions should take note of the group that

has rejected and turned away from the joint stance of the Islamic world and committed rebellion against the constitution of Pakistan.

• The [Muslim] residents of Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) and its suburbs should be given ownership rights.