

## **Report about Masood Chandio Case Mirpurkhas Sindh**

On June 23, 2006, a case was registered against five Ahmadis belonging to the Ahmadiyya Jama'at Mirpur Khas, Sindh. The case was numbered 62 in Satellite Town Police Station, Mirpur Khas and was registered under sections 298-C, 341, and 34. The five Ahmadis against whom the case was registered were: Masood Ahmad Chandio, a missionary of the Jama'at; Abdur Razzaq, Secretary Dawat Ilallah of the local chapter and Abdul Ghani, Maula Baksh and Muhammad Akbar who had only recently converted to Ahmadiyyat.

A brief background to the case is as follows:

On June 22, 2006, a two-day-class was initiated for the religious training of the new Ahmadis which was attended, along with the new Ahmadis, by two non-Ahmadis as well. However, the presence of the two non-Ahmadi persons only came to be noticed later. The said two non-Ahmadis later informed the maulwis about the event, after which the maulwis filed a case against the five Ahmadis mentioned above.

After the case was registered, the two new Ahmadis namely Maula Baksh Sahib and Muhammad Akbar Sahib were held by the police, while the other three remained free as they had been granted the pre-arrest bail.

After hearing on the case came to an end, the Civil Judge at Mirpur Khas sentenced Masood Ahmad Chandio Sahib, Abdur Razzaq Sahib and Abdul Ghani Sahib to three years imprisonment and sent them to jail. Later, an appeal against the sentence was filed in the Sessions Court, which, on April 26, 2010, rejected the bail plea. However, the Additional Sessions Judge at Mirpur Khas later granted the bail plea on May 10, 2010. After the completion of the necessary paper work, the accused were released from the Hyderabad Jail on May 11, 2010. The case has been heard on a number of occasions since then.

On August 15, 2016, the Additional Sessions Judge upheld the three-year-imprisonment against Masood Ahmad Chandio Sahib and sent him to Hyderabad Jail. Similarly, the judge also sentenced Abdur Razzaq Sahib to one month imprisonment and sent him to Hyderabad Jail. Since Abdur Razzaq Sahib had already served the three-year-imprisonment term, he was released from jail in next two days after necessary documentation was completed. A bail

plea was then filed for Masood Ahmad Chandio Sahib which was, by the grace of Allah, on 6 September 2016 bail was granted by the court. And he was released from jail on 7 September after the completion of the necessary documentations.