

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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This declaration is against the conscience of Ahmadis and it amounts to renunciation of their faith.

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Hate material in text book

Peshawar: In 2016 Mr. Asad Qaisar (then Speaker of the KPK provincial assembly) of PTI made a special effort to have the precept of ‘end of prophethood’ (KN) included as part of school syllabus in Islamiat. He knew very well that mullas use the KN as a theme and an excuse to bad-mouth Ahmadis. However Mr. Qaisar, now Speaker of the National Assembly, called an official meeting in October 2016 of ulama and officials of the Education Department, and directed them to proceed with the task of inclusion of KN in school syllabus and also produce text for inclusion in the prescribed text books.

This was done. As apprehended by Ahmadis, the text includes hate material and derogatory remarks against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Also, only one-sided aspect of this dogma is shown, other arguments put forward by past ulama of great standing that support the Ahmadiyya view have been deliberately denied to the students.

The sub-chapter Khatme Nabuwat is placed at pages 43-46 of a book titled “Islamiat for classes IX and X”, issued by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Textbook Board Peshawar. This book is published for academic year 2018-19 and is approved by the federal Ministry of Education (Department of Syllabi) Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

On page 45, it is mentioned in this context that Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian “made a fake claim in 1901 to be exactly the same person (*aine*) Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah,” and has termed his claim to be a great mischief (*fitna*). Also, it is asserted that, “Anyone who, after the Holy Prophet (pbuh) claims to be a prophet, is a liar, a great liar (*kazzab*), an apostate and outside the pale of Islam, according to the Quran, Hadith and the Consensus of the Ummah.” Here the sources have been falsely quoted, as according to the Holy Prophet the future messiah, Isa, to appear in latter days, will be a Prophet of Allah (*Sahih Muslim*).

The text also mentions violent moves against historical figures like Aswad Ansi and Musailma who claimed to be prophets; however it fails to mention that these individuals had rebelled against the nascent Islamic state, raised armies and undertaken slaughter of Muslims. (*See Annex*) So the reason of fighting them was not religious, it was the political revolt involving bloodshed.

At the end, on page 46, the article quotes Imam Abu Hanifa as, “One who asks a proof from a fake claimant to Prophecy, will himself be expelled from the Islamic community (*Dairah Islam*).” We are not sure if the Imam is correctly quoted because he left behind no self-written text, however it is bizarre that KPK children are being taught to be deaf to arguments and proofs of competing theories.

Ahmadi loses job for his faith

Mardan; October/November 2018: Mr. Nasim Ahmad was working as Secretary in the Industries Association Small Industrial Estate, Mardan for the past 15 months. He was good at his job, but he lost the job for being an Ahmadi.

There are two groups in this company; one is that of its president and his team while the second is that of the opposition. The opposition accused the president of having a ‘Qadiani’ as the secretary. It went on for a few months, however the president assured Mr. Ahmad of his support.

On October 28, a member of the opposition group telephoned Mr. Ahmad and told him, “You are an Ahmadi, and you preach the same in the Estate.” The next day Mr. Ahmad spoke to the president in his office and informed him of the incident. The president intimated him that for the last one week the management was under great pressure as the opposition has acquired the support of mullas and Khatme Nabuwat activists.

In reply to Mr. Ahmad’s question regarding the follow-up, the president said, “In view of your good work, we do not ask you to

leave, but we would not like you to come to harm.” This obviously meant that he would like Mr. Ahmad to resign. And Mr. Ahmad handed over the office keys and the company’s mobile phone.

Later, the president released a message to his WhatsApp group that Mr. Nasim Ahmad had left for personal reasons. In response, the opposition held a protest rally and recounted president’s failures. The president rebutted with a count of his achievements; one of these he mentioned was the removal of Mr. Nasim Ahmad.

Societal abuse faced by

Ahmadis

Choburji, Lahore; November 26, 2018: Mr. Waqar, Ahmadi lives here in a house on rent. His neighbor who is also a lawyer abused him for his faith. He lodged a false FIR against him accusing him of robbery. The police arrested Mr. Waqar on November 26. Mr. Waqar tried to make peace with his neighbor to which he agreed on the condition that he would recant from Ahmadiyyat and became a good Muslim. Mr. Waqar did not accept that. At last the lawyer reconciled after payment of a fine that was initially demanded at Rs. 200,000 but later settled at Rs. 30,000.

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declared themselves Muslims had to sign a declaration in which rebuttal of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community was essential. Now, one who opts not to sign the declaration for Muslims has to sign the affidavit in which he declares himself to be non-Muslim in addition to stating his faith or denomination. To state what an individual is not, is superfluous and bizarre. It is a malicious move to severely hurt Ahmadis.

This creates a major problem for Ahmadis who consider themselves to be Muslims but now have to declare themselves to be non-Muslims for obtaining or renewal of national identity card and other legal documents.

NADRA has introduced a clause no. 38 on Form for obtaining a CNIC; it requires certification:

“I declare on oath that I am not Muslim and I belong to Qadiani/Ahmadi religion.”

Provocative rally in the heart of Rabwah

Rabwah; November 30, 2018: Rabwah is the Ahmadiyya first city in Pakistan; more than 95% of its population is Ahmadi. Pakistan Railway provided its land at its centrally located station to a Khatme Nabuwat organization who built a big mosque where only a few worshipers come for prayers. However the resident mulla has installed a powerful sound amplifier in the mosque, it is often used to deliver insults against Ahmadis living in the area.

On November 30, 2018 mullas held a Seerat conference in the mosque. Approximately 150 men attended the event. Mullas Ghulam Mustafa, Saifullah and Ghulam Rasul addressed the participants. A Seerat conference is normally welcomed by Ahmadis, provided it sticks to the theme of highlighting the attributes of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). However this time, mulla Saifullah Naqshbandi from Chiniot shifted his speech to malign and insult Ahmadis and their founder. He said, for instance, “Look at our Prophet; how handsome he was – but also look at the figure of Qadianis’ fake prophet.”

He openly violated Pakistan law PPC 153; however the authorities took no notice – as usual.

Mughalpura, Lahore – a hub of anti-Ahmadiyya activities

Mughalpura; November 2018: Mughalpura is often mentioned in dispatches for the rallies, processions, seminars etc held there against the Ahmadi community. For these the mullas avail the permissive attitude of the provincial government and the careless concern of the capital's police to sectarian activism. Following two incidents happened here in the last week of November.

On November 23, Jamaat Islami held a Hurmat Rasul (pbuh) Conference in the Children Park. Mullas Zikrulla Mujahid, Muhamamd Ali Karimi and Mufti Imtiaz attended the occasion. Rather than highlighting the noble character of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) these mullas wasted everybody's time in making hateful remarks against Ahmadis. "The government is supporting Qadianis. It is busy in changing the constitution, while the constitution terms these Qadianis *kafir*. They mislead the people through proselytisation. They are in league with Jews and Christians, who provide them financial support. Qadianis are *Kafir* and they have no right to live here. Jamaat Islami will exterminate them. You have to help us in this. Join us under the leadership of Siraj ul Haq. United, we'll put an end to these Qadianis," the speakers exhorted the crowd.

A day later Anjuman Eid Miladun Nabi took out a rally to celebrate the birthday of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). For setting up a grandstand they chose the front of Ahmadiyya mosque as location. A few youth recited poems, while the procession stopped there at about 10 p.m. There was a great deal of slogan mongering. The police had to be present there on duty. Ahmadis felt concerned in view of the hateful rhetoric of the Jamaat Islami the previous day.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah

Rabwah; November 30, 2018: Anti-Ahmadiyya, Aftab-e-Nabuwat conference was held in Madrassa Usmania, Muslim Colony Rabwah on November 30, 2018. It was organized by Qari Shabbir Usmani. It started at 12:30 p.m. and lasted until 4:15 p.m. Attendance was approximately 120.

Following mullas spoke venomously against the Ahmadiyya community. Maulvi Hanif Mughal of Chiniot, Qari Abdul Rahman Tabassum of Lahore, Sahibzada Muhammad Qadri of Multan, Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, Maulvi Asad Mahmood Makki of Islamabad, Muhammad Ismail Kazmi of Lahore and Maulvi Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti.

These mullas spoke rabidly not only against Ahmadis, they indulged in malicious gossip against others also. For instance they mentioned that Imran Khan was a man of Qadiani lobby. Also, while the ulama are alive they will not let the government and the Qadianis do any harm to Islam. Imran Khan cannot even pronounce the word *Khatam-an-Nabiyyeen* correctly; these atheists have been imposed on us, said a mulla.

Several resolutions were adopted by the conference; some of these are as follows:

- Kartarpur corridor should not be allowed to Qadianis.
- Asia Bibi's acquittal should be reversed, she should be hanged and her name be put on ECL.
- Khatme Nabuwat should be included in school syllabi of public and private schools.
- Punishment of apostasy should be implemented according to Sharia (death); as recommended by CII.
- We demand that the government immediately implement the *Nizame Mustafa* and establish *Riasat Madina* effectively.

Ahmadi woman is refused burial

Budha Kot, District Mir Pur Khas; November 27, 2018: Ahmadi have been living here for long in harmony with locals. Mullas disturbed the social balance recently when Master Riaz's wife died here on November 27, 2018. Her grave was prepared in the common cemetery as per previous practice. At the time of funeral prayers a man arrived and told the president of the local Ahmadiyya community that some youth were planning a mischief and would not allow the burial in common cemetery. The report posed a serious threat. Ahmadis decided to bury the deceased in their private land to avoid any mischief.

Ahmadis behind bars

1. A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Two days later Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision has been made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them in over a year.
2. Officials of Punjab's Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) accompanied by a contingent of the Elite Force raided Shakoor Bhai's book shop, 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 octogenarian Mr. Shakoor was sentenced in addition to three years' imprisonment under the anti-Ahmadiyya law. He appealed against the verdict and has sought release on bail from the Lahore High Court which has not spared time for nearly three years to hear his plea.

3. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was charged on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR no. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He was arrested a day earlier. He is under trial.
4. Mr. Javed Ahmad Ghumman was charged in a fabricated blasphemy case under PPC 295-C in police station Chobara, District Layya on July 1, 2018 in FIR Nr 288/18. His interim bail was cancelled on July 14, 2018; he was arrested and sent to Layya Jail. Rai Yasseen Shaheen the Additional Sessions Judge Layya refused his post-arrest bail on August 6. Later, on October 2, 2018 his bail application was refused by High Court Justice Sarfraz Ahmad of Multan Bench also.

From the Media

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Kartarpur passage will facilitate spies' movement
The daily Insaf; Lahore, December 8, 2018
- **'Naya Pakistan' vision is the same as Quaid-i-Azam's vision: Prime Minister**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 16, 2018
- **We've to show Narendra Modi how to treat minorities: Imran Khan**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 23, 2018
- **All enjoy religious freedom in Pakistan: Rehman Malik (Chairman Senate Interior Committee)**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 24, 2018

- **Action should be taken against those who issue *fatwas* of homicide and *Kufr*: Ulama**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 8, 2018
- **Mainstreaming seminars among priorities: Imran**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 4, 2018
- **Education remained neglected as funds diverted to fight militancy**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 15, 2018
- **18th Amendment (to the Constitution) is not a Divine scripture; it can be amended: Raza Rabbani (former Chairman Senate)**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 8, 2018
- **We shall make essential recommendations on December 20 for the institution of *Riasat Madina*: Chairman CII**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 8, 2018
- **Half of Niazi's (IK) cabinet is corrupt: Hamza Shahbaz**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 10, 2018
- **If Qadianis accept their constitutional (non-Muslim) status, we'll embrace them: Ulama Karam**
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, December 2, 2018
- **NAB should remain as it is. We suffered it, others should as well. National economy can bear up with everything except this government. Nothing came out of Clean Water nor from Aashiana. The man who worked day and night was rewarded thus ... : Former PM's (Nawaz Sharif) informal talk to the media**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 8, 2018
- **Pakistan added to US list of violators of religious freedom**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2018
- **Seven gunned down by Indian troops in held Kashmir**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 16, 2018
- **UAE would deposit \$3 bn in State Bank; Pakistan is grateful**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 22, 2018
- **Pakistani men seek release of wives locked in China camps**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 18, 2018
- **UN human rights prize for Asma**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 20, 2018
- **Rs. 13.9 bn spent on Ms Isha Ambani's wedding (in India)**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 15, 2018
- **Mattis (US Secy Defense) quits to protest Syria pullout, plan for Afghan troop out**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 22, 2018
- **SC summons ex-CM Pervaiz Elahi in Bahria Town case**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 4, 2018
- **TLP chief, aides to be tried for sedition, terrorism**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 2, 2018
- **Zardari among 172 facing travel ban over graft**
Apart from former president, cabinet decides to put names of Bilawal, Faryal, Malik Riaz and Sindh CM on ECL in fake accounts case
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 28, 2018
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 15, 2018
- **Shahbaz elected PAC Chairman**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 22, 2018
- **Top auditor points out Rs. 5.8 trillion irregular spending**
Submitted to president and parliament, report covers years 2017-18
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 19, 2018
- **Five PIA pilots have not even done matric, SC told**
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- **If corruption is penalized with death, Pakistan's population will shrink: Chairman NAB**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 10, 2018
- **Rs 22 bn already spent, and not a single liver transplant operation undertaken (in state hospital): CJP**
The daily Jang; Lahore, December 15, 2018
- **Pakistan among worst performers on gender equality**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 19, 2018

Op-ed: Jewish supporters of Nazism

Recently the Government of Pakistan under Herr Imran Khan through [NADRA](#) added a fresh new oath to the Computerised National Identity Card forms to ensure that no Ahmadi would ever register as a citizen in this country. Till now Ahmadis had been able to register as citizens of Ahmadi faith simply by refusing to sign the oath required for officially sanctioned Muslims. Now they are required to sign an affidavit saying that they consider themselves Non-Muslim as well.

This is a fresh new violation of Article 20 of the Constitution because the core belief of

Ahmadi faith is that they consider themselves Muslims. While the state for the purposes of law and constitution considers them Non-Muslim, the state cannot force them to consider themselves non-Muslim. This is a violation of not just the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom but is a violation of all norms of decency and humanity. To think that the move comes days after ... Imran Khan promised to teach Prime Minister Modi how to treat minorities well.

Yasser Latif Hamdani in Daily Times, December 31st 2018

