

# **Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan**

## **Monthly Report**

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### **A third 'Believe it or Not' – this year**

The PTI administration continues to commit acts which would stun its apologists. Here is a third such entry in our monthly reports this year:

On October 6, 2019 the official Pakistan Television (PTV) broadcast a false and malign anti-Ahmadiyya statement of an Indian politician Mr. Shankar Singh Vaghela. He stated that the Ahmadiyya community is in league with RSS and is active against Muslims in India.

In fact Vaghela made this statement six years ago, and the Ahmadiyya community condemned it as a fabrication and demanded an inquiry against this false witness, at that very occasion.

PTV broadcast a 2013 accusation in 2019 without any inquiry. PTV and its controller know or should know that Ahmadiyya community is committed worldwide to peace, and rather than indulging in terrorism is itself a target of terrorism in many countries. The Ahmadiyya spokesman opined that this broadcast is deliberate conspiracy to further promote hatred against Ahmadis in Pakistan. He demanded an inquiry in the incident.

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## **Ahmadiyya mosque partially demolished by administration**

**Chak 161 Murad, District Bahawalpur; October 25, 2019:**

At about 3:30 pm an Ahmadi mosque was partially destroyed here under the supervision of police and officials.

According to details the Assistant Commissioner accompanied by policemen, workers of the city administration Hasilpur and machinery, arrived at the scene and took the keys of the mosque from a local Ahmadi. On entry they disconnected the electric supply and confiscated the recording system of the CCTV at the mosque. Then using the machinery, they destroyed the niche of the mosque into rubble. They did this while they had no official warrant or an Order of the Court to carry out such activity.

The incident was captured by Mr. Vishal Ahmad (an Ahmadi), on his mobile phone. The police arrested Mr. Ahmad and seized his phone. Another Ahmadi, Mr. Muhammad Mustafa, an official of the Ahmadiyya Community was also arrested. These two have been charged under PPC 186/506. Surely, photography in the open is not an offence. Next day they were released on bail.

The mosque was built by Ahmadis on Ahmadiyya land in 1949. Seventeen Ahmadi families, totaling about 150 persons live in the vicinity of the mosque.

It is noteworthy that the defiling of the mosque was not undertaken by mullas, but by officials. State is supposed to protect not attack places of worship.

According to the daily Dawn report, "Assistant Commissioner Tayyab termed the action anti-encroachment operation launched on order of the district peace committee, led by Deputy Commissioner Shazeb Saeed. ... He added the Ahmadis were asked to demolish 'Mehrab' of their worship place and construct a wall around it so that it might not look a 'Mehrab'." One may ask these gentlemen to show any 'Mehrab' in the whole Islamic world where a wall has been constructed

around it. Even the idea of such construction is comical and absurd.

The same paper carried AC's statement: "The committee directed him (the DC) to take action against the encroachers in larger interest of peace in the village so that Ahmadis could continue having religious freedom within the walled premises of their worship place; Ahmadis are being given 'freedom of religion.'"

It seems the district authorities do not even read their daily newspapers. Only a few days earlier on October 4, 2019 the Supreme Court directed to constitute a special bench for protection of minority rights and places of worship as ordered by the SC in its verdict of June 2014. It is hoped that the SC will take notice of this incident and hold the concerned officials accountable.

Mr. Usman Buzdar (of PTI) is the chief minister of Punjab while Mr. Imran Khan is the prime minister of Pakistan.

## **Fake and malicious news on official PTV**

**Rabwah:** Pakistan's state television PTV aired a 6-year old fabricated and malicious anti-Ahmadiyya statement of an Indian leader. This malign, hurtful, and unwarranted act by the national broadcaster was strongly and appropriately rebutted by the central office of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. We reproduce below its press release; this explains adequately the issue:

**Press Section, Nazarat Umooor Aama Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan Rabwah  
09.10.2019**

**Press Release**

**The state broadcaster PTV News aired fake news based on a 6-year old statement to malign a persecuted and peace loving community.**

**How come no one at PTV News did not verify the six year old statement of the Indian Gujrat's Congress leader Shankar Singh Vaghela against Ahmadiyya Community?**

This action is condemnable and provocative: spokesperson Jamaat Ahmadiyya, Pakistan **Chenab Nagar** (PR) The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan, Saleem ud Din, strongly condemned the state broadcaster PTV News for airing false and baseless accusations made by a Congress leader of Gujrat, Shankar Singh Vaghela. The comments, actually made 6 years ago, were categorically false and baseless but still PTV News decided to air those on 6 Oct 2019.

Saleem ud Din said that associating the Ahmadiyya Community with the Hindu extremist outfit RSS was contemptible and abhorrent. Over the past 100 years the community has a track record of promoting peace and harmony. It is also a non-violent and not-political community that has endured persecution and terrorism both in India and Pakistan. The motto of the community is Love for All, Hatred for None, and the community stands by it.

Saleem ud Din added that in the age of digital development and modern means of communication, the slightest bit of research, even simple google search would have shown to anyone willing to seek the truth that the statement in question was made in 2013 and the community asked the politician in question to apologize for what he had said. The statement can be viewed at the following link:

<https://themuslimtimes.info/2013/11/16/ahmadiya-muslim-community-demands-apology-from-shankar-singh-waghela/>

The spokesperson said that the community has been a constant target of extremism and violence for many years now. Ahmadis believe in peace, justice and equality, and the history of the community is testimony to this. Broadcasting this statement now on PTV and other channels, in the context of the recent unrest between Pakistan and India is reckless and irresponsible. He further said that airing this statement without any background research is a preplanned scheme and then broadcasting it on TV suggested that this was an act of mischief.

The spokesperson called on the Ministry of Information to investigate the matter.  
End

## **A votre service : The PTI**

**Lahore; September 28, 2019:** Maulvi Fazlur Rahman's protest and call for a *Dharna* against PTI government had picked up momentum by the turn of the month, and the PTI was looking for ways and means to neutralize its impact. In this effort, according to the daily *Ausaf* of September 28, 2019, PTI members of the National Assembly and the Provincial Assembly and some other leaders, including Yawar Abbas, Rukhsana Naveed, Muawia Azam, Omar Dar, Noshin Hamid, Shuana Bashir and Usman Hamza issued a statement.

In their statement *inter alia* they said the following:  
"These days apparently, there is no issue concerning Khatme Nabuwat (KN, end of prophethood), however if there is a problem, the Maulana should tell us; we sit in assemblies and we'll present it there. If it is not resolved there, we ourselves will join the Maulana in protest."

The above sums up well the political psyche of the PTI. We hold back any further comment.



From right to left: Syed Yawar Abbas Bukhari, Rukhsana Naveed, Muawia Azam, Omar Dar, Noshin Hamid, Shuana Bashir, Usman Hamza

## **A mulla objects vehemently to Ahmadis' bond with Holy Quran**

**Rabwah; October, 2018:** Mulla Hasan Muaviya had applied to Lahore High Court that, despite

the official ban, Quran was being published in Rabwah; he demanded action. The court ordered the concerned authorities to carry out a fresh inquiry and report results.

Accordingly, the DC, the DPO and the Chairman of Quran Board, Punjab accompanied by a number of mullas came to Rabwah on November 29, 2018 and inspected the printing presses. The team reported that Ahmadis were not printing the Quran any more.

Later Justice Shujaat Ali Khan issued a 40-page verdict in March this year and directed the administration and police to implement the Quran Act 2011 in true spirit.

Mulla Muaviya again on September 25, 2019 lodged another application to DPO Chiniot to implement the decision of the court as Ahmadis were allegedly still printing the Quran and using PDF copies of it electronically and spreading it. He said that copies of the Quran with Ahmadiyya translation were distributed to winners in a prize distribution ceremony, Quran classes were being held in Ahmadiyya schools, children were given Ahmadiyya-printed Qurans. He further accused that all these unlawful activities were being done from the offices of Sadr Anjuman, Tehrike Jadid and Waqfe Jadid. He named the high officials of the Ahmadiyya community i.e. Messrs. Khalid Shah, Malik Khalid Masood and Saleem ud Din as supervising this activity. He named the printing presses of the community, and the educational institutes where the Quran was taught.

The DPO told the DSP Chenab Nagar to hold inquiry, which is in progress.

Mulla Muaviya has submitted another application to the DPO in October alleging Ahmadis violate the Quran Act and thus demanded the police to register a case under 295-B and 295-C against the officials of the Ahmadiyya community in Rabwah. These sections carry penalties of imprisonment for life and death respectively.

The malice and spite of this Mulla is boundless. He is a brother of Mulla Tahir Ashrafi, the chair of the Punjab Ulama Board.

He was placed in Fourth Schedule, for his criminal activities.

## **Confluence of Saudi Arabia-based mullas in the Punjab**

**Press Reports; September/October 2019:** It is noteworthy that in the past few weeks a number of mullas (of Pakistan origin) who call themselves Makki (of Makka, Saudi Arabia) have visited various cities in the country, addressed Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) conferences (*read* anti-Ahmadiyya) and undertaken sectarian activities. Their names appeared in vernacular press reports and also in ads for KN rallies and conferences held at Rabwah, Lahore, Sargodha etc. Some of them mentioned in such dispatches are named as Abdur Rauf Makki, Omar Bin Abdul Hafeez Makki, Hameedullah Makki, Abdul Hafeez Makki, and of course Ahmad Ali Siraj (formerly Al-Kuwaiti) and Dr. Saeed Ahmad Inayatullah. The last two are respectively the Secretary General and the Central Amir of International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement (IKNM).

According to an ad in the daily *Islam* of September 25, 2019 Mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj was the main guest speaker at the KN conference in Lahore organized by 'Tehrik Nafaz Imtinae Qadianiat Ordinance' (Movement to Implement Anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance). This is yet another move aimed at consuming petro-dollars in the fair name of a holy tenet.

The mission of these clerics can be assessed easily from the utterances of Mulla Siraj who in December last year addressed the official Seerat Conference in Islamabad and told the Prime Minister that if he was serious about *Riasat Madina*, he should follow the first (alleged) move of that *Riasat* whereby a military operation was launched in support of KN in which 1200 Companions of the Holy Prophet (*p.b.u.h.*) lost their lives. Siraj's blood-soaked demand on Mr. Imran Khan and its mention to a large audience in the hall and to millions tuned to PTV went unchecked and without comment

although it misquoted history and drew a false and most condemnable conclusion.

The recent visit of this host of Islamist clerics from Saudi Arabia should be investigated by authorities who have been tasked to uproot terrorism from our country.

## **Brainwashing children with hate**

**Punjab; 2019:** Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat has left no stone unturned to achieve its goals. It has not spared even children. It invested money and effort in production of a hateful novel for the young. A writer, Zafar Ji (perhaps pen-name) has written it and given it the title: *Ishaq Kay Qaidi* (Prisoners of Love). On the second page it claims to be “a great historical novel in memory of the Khatme Nabuwwat Movement 1953.”

This novel is full of false claims and baseless allegations as well as fake fact sheet against the Ahmadiyya community. The writer paints 1953 anti-Ahmadiyya riots as a sort of holy war. He describes the rioters as holy warriors. The entire story is full of hate against Ahmadis and the government. He glamorizes anti-Ahmadiyya rallies and the speeches made in them. The story revolves around the writer who tries to prove the thesis, “A state has the right to declare anybody *kafir* (infidel)”. In the text, he repeatedly calls Ahmadis infidels. The writer tries to justify that the State of Pakistan belongs only to Muslims. He makes big effort to defame renowned Ahmadis like Sir Zafrulla Khan who was a competent foreign minister of Pakistan for years, and who later on was appointed the President of UN General Assembly and subsequently President of the International Court of Justice at Den Haag, Netherlands.

Now a days this story is republished in series on weekly basis in “*Bachon ka Islam*” published by the daily *Islam*.

We produce below translation of an excerpt, as sample:

“That day the police opened fire repeatedly and abundantly. Only peaceful volunteers of Khatme Nabuwwat were the targets of police brutality. No one paid any attention to those involved in arson and loot. Gwalmandi was the prime target of state terror (*Zulm*). A.S.I. Abdul Karim Mirzai and S.P. Border Police Khan Bahadur were on duty here. Khan Bahadur was the same man who in 1935 shed the blood of Muslims in Masjid Shaheed Ganj Movement. The British decorated this Khan Bahadur profusely for crushing this Movement. Today, he had come again to sell his faith for two squares of land. These two officers repeatedly provoked the volunteers and shot them. It was announced repeatedly on megaphone from a police vehicle: “Is there any moth (*parwana*) of Khatme Nabuwwat around? Is there one desirous of martyrdom?” At this eight to ten devotees would raise slogans of *Nara Takbir*, would move forward, and the Border Police would slaughter them with bullets.

“The whole day lovers of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) did not take a step backward and the police had no pang of compassion. The slaughter went on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. People would raise the slogan of ‘Labbaik Ya Rasulallah (p.b.u.h.) and offer their lives at the altar of ‘honor of Prophethood’. A military vehicle would come at intervals, replenish the ammunition and go back. Someone counted these martyrs as one thousand, while another estimated them as ten thousand. Only the True Lord knows how many were martyred. It is said that the corpses of these unknown Mujahids were loaded in trucks and disposed off in the Changa Manga forest. Huge pits were dug up, wherein the dead bodies were thrown. First these were doused with kerosene and then set on fire. Later all these mass graves were leveled with earth.” (*Ishaq Kay Qaidi, serial 29/901 in the daily Islam of September 29, 2019*)

There is not an iota of truth in the above ‘historical’ story. It is entirely false and fictitious. If the author and the publisher are held accountable they would say: This is only a novel. But imagine the harm that it would do to impressionable minds. They would get primed with hate and anger against Ahmadis, their fellow citizens and against the government that has been portrayed most unfairly and

maliciously. It is a pity that the authorities take no action against this fiendish publication, but bend backward to ensure that Ahmadiyya translation of the Holy Quran remains proscribed.

## **Another anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah**

**10-11 October; Rabwah:** Extremist mullas were again permitted to hold anti-Ahmadiyya conference in the home-town of Ahmadis. Ahmadis requested the authorities earlier to disallow this conference, in view of the prevailing law and order situation, but it went in vain. One such conference was held in the preceding month as well. Such conferences create a lot of trouble for Ahmadis in their own town. Women and children had to stay at homes for two days to avoid any unpleasant incident. Markets remain closed during this time. The whole town remains under a sort of siege during these conferences which openly promote hate and incite violence against Ahmadis.

Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat (MTKN) held this two-day 38<sup>th</sup> Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Rabwah on 10 and 11 October, 2019. Maximum attendance of 12000 was recorded in the last session.

The first session started at 10:30 on October 10 and ended at 13:00. Maulvi Azizur Rahman of Lahore chaired it. Approximately 2500 attended this session. Mullas Muhammad Ismail Shuja Abadi, Fazlur Rahman of Sargodha, Muhammad Sajid of Bhakkar, Muhammad Anwar of Chawinda, and Abdul Rasheed of Faisalabad used foul language against Ahmadis and their elders in this session. Fazlur Rahman went to the extent, "Curse on Qadianis; they are misguiding Muslims. We will soon eliminate them from the world... "

The second session started at 14:30 and continued until 16:15. Attendance in this session was approximately 5000. Maulvis Jameel Ahmad from Sukkur, Abdul Ghafoor Haidri, Muhammad Anees of Nawab Shah, Mubashir

Mahmood of Faisalabad addressed the audience. Mulla Abdul Ghafoor Haidri (JUI-F), said, "We'll wreak havoc on them (Ahmadis)."

The third session started at 20:30 and was presided by Mulla Saeed Sikandar. Approximately 9500 men were present. Maulvi Aleemuddin Shakir of Lahore, Qazi Abdul Rasheed of Rawalpindi, Qari Mushtaqur Rahman of Rawalpindi, Mullas Rizwan Aziz of Muslim Colony of Rabwah, Noor Muhammad of Sargodha, Umar Makki of Makka, Nizam Din Sialvi, Mudassar Mahmood of Taunsa, Azizur Rahman Sani of Lahore, Saeed Sikandar, Muhammad Kafil Shah Bukhari (Deputy Amir Majlis Ahrar Multan), Abdul Hameed of Chowk Sarwar Shaheed, Liaqat Baloch (Deputy Amir of JI), Ziaullah Bukhari (*Nazim Aala JAH*), Amjad Khan of Lahore and Nasiruddin Khakwani (Deputy Amir Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat) addressed the audience. They used abusive and threatening language against the Ahmadiyya community and its elders e.g. Qazi Abdul Rasheed of Rawalpindi said, "We'll make Pakistan a graveyard of Qadianis. ..." Mulla Kafil Bokhari was highly abusive; he said, "It smells bad even when Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's name is mentioned. This government has acted anti-Islam in letting off Aasia, Abdul Shakoor and Wajih-ul-Hassan. India is committing terrorism in Kashmir; Qadianis are supporting it from the rear." Mulla Amjad Khan addressing this KN rally was more candid about his political object: "We'll undertake a peaceful March under the leadership of Maulana Fazlur Rahman; and we are ready to make any sacrifice," he said. This session ended at 01:30, the next day.

The fourth session started on 11 October at 10:30 and lasted until 13:20. It was chaired by Maulvi Allah Wasaya, Deputy Amir of Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat Multan. The attendance was approximately 8500. Maulvis Rashid Madni of Gujranwala, Amir Ahmad Somro of Larkana, Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai of KPK, and Mufti Muhammad Hassan of Lahore addressed the audience. Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai said, "Qadianis are

blasphemers; they deserve no respite. There is no place for Qadianis in Pakistan.” He disclosed his political colours by a call, “Time has now come to stand up. People should come out of their houses on October 31, remembering Ghazi Ilyas Din and refresh his memory. The government has signed its own death warrant by releasing Aasia Masih. We’ll prefer to die on 27-31 October but will not return empty handed (from Islamabad). Muslims, get ready and rise.”

The fifth and last session of the conference started at 14:15 on October 11. Sahibzada Aziz Ahmad of Kundian presided it. The attendance swelled to approximately 12000 in this final session. Muhammad Aslam Kachaila (ex MNA), Muhammad Ilyas Ghumman of Sargodha, Hafiz Pir Zulfiqar Naqshbandi, Awais Noorani and Maulana Fazlur Rahman (Amir JUI-F) addressed the conference. Owais Noorani spoke against Ahmadis but went political to announce, “The rulers should understand that the more they repress the March on 27 October, greater shall be the reaction. Jihad will continue. ... We shall not leave Islamabad, till our demands are met.” Maulana Fazlur Rahman said, “Government should remember that Khatme Nabuwwat dogma is not like an orphan. Concerns of the government and Qadianis are growing because of the 27 October march. This million march will sweep away both. ...”

This conference ended at 16:15. Participants of the conference raised hateful slogans against Ahmadis while departing on buses, etc.

“They come to our home, abuse us and threaten us; isn’t it terrorism; or are we second-class citizens of Pakistan?” an Ahmadi observed in Rabwah.

## **Picks from proceedings of a Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) conference**

### **Jamaat Islami (JI) displays its true colours**

*Lahore; September 26, 2019:* The daily *Islam* published a Special Report on the proceedings of an annual KN conference held in Lahore by Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN). It carried a list of demands made in the conference by the speakers, followed by a statement of Liaquat Baloch, the Deputy Amir of JI, and is concluded by disinformation and bogus assertions. We reproduced below the translation of these entries (extracts):

“AMTKN expressed its utmost anxiety and concern over Qadianis’ ever-increasing anti-Islam activities and demanded the government to take notice of unlawful activities of Qadianis and thus defend ideological frontiers of the country and uphold the Islamic provisions of the Constitution. They (Ahmadis) should be made to abide by the Constitution and not allowed to play with religious sentiments of Pakistanis and the basic ideology of Pakistan. Qadianis are busy in intrigues against Islam and Pakistan. They plot to enhance their effectiveness in government circles in order to meet their objects. It is essential that in the interest of defense of the country’s physical and ideological boundaries, Qadianis’ activities should be banned, and they should be removed from all key posts. Qadiani TV channel (MTA) spreads mischief and falsehood. It mocks at Muslims’ belief and thought. The authorities should ban its transmissions without delay. Also, Qadianis are spreading apostasy through social media; the government should put a stop to it.

“As per recommendations of the IIC, Sharia penalty for apostasy (*death*) should be imposed. The KN tenet should be made a part of school syllabus so that the next generation becomes well aware of the issues of KN and the honour of Prophethood. Qadianis should be removed from all key posts of all civil and military services. Anti-Qadiani Ordinance



should be effectively imposed, and Qadianis should be forbidden to use the title of Islam....

“The special guest of this session was Maulana Fazlur Rahman, the Central Amir of JUI (F) and the MMA.... He stated that if we are true inheritors of our elders, then we should strive to the utmost to crush this mischief (*of Qadianism*)....

“Mr. Liaquat Bloch, Deputy Amir of Jamaat Islami Pakistan stated that Qadianiat once again is active under the umbrella of international imperialism. They should know that it is not possible to make any amendment to Khatme Nabuwwat, Islamic and Blasphemy laws in Pakistan. You have tried it again and again. We are soldiers of Honour of Prophethood. We are united in faith in Khatme Nabuwwat. The rulers have made a deal concerning Kashmir, and they have turned away from Jihad. We are conscious of our duties. Qadianis’ activism is a cause of great concern.

“JUI (F)’s Secretary General Maulana Muhammad Amjad Khan said that Qadianis and their associates’ dangerous game is poison to national security; Qadianis’ political intimacy with Israel and India is a huge conspiracy against Pakistan and Millat Islamia....

“Maulana Abdul Naeem, the KN missionary in Lahore said that Qadianis’ posting in key civil and military positions is a huge risk to national security; their accountability is essential. Qadianis should be removed from all key posts.

“The entire Qadianis literature should be confiscated. We’ll definitely defend the laws on KN and blasphemy. A notice should be taken of Qadianis’ worldwide conspiracies against Pakistan. The government should ensure that anti-Ahmadi law of 1974 is meticulously applied.”

**Comments:** Whither all the laws and policies laid down in Pakistan to discourage intercommunal hate and strife! Do the authorities know to what end similar hateful propaganda by Nazis led the German nation who otherwise were a good people but allowed themselves to be misguided by racial bigots and thugs?

Lord Gautama Buddha, the enlightened one, is reported to have said about *man*: “Consumed by craving (the pig), enraged by hatred (the snake), blinded by delusion (the cock), overwhelmed and despairing, man contemplates his own downfall, that of others, and both together.”

## **Problems for Ahmadi community in District Nankana, Punjab – follow-up**

*Sathiali Kalan, District Nankana; October 2019:* We reported earlier in September 2019 on a newly-built house for Ahmadis’ religious teacher here. When the teacher was appointed, some mullas incited the locals to vandalize his house. They also lodged an application against the Ahmadiyya prayer centre that Qadianis had built a place of worship through which they would lure away their youth to Qadianism, as such they should be protected against the potential risk, Qadiani religious teacher should be sent back and the house should be sealed. The Assistant Commissioner undertook an inquiry.

On October 17, the date of inquiry the AC told the agitators that Ahmadis had the right to have their religious teacher. As for place of worship, Pakistan law allowed Ahmadis to build their worship places after permission. The AC told Ahmadis to get permission from the Deputy Commissioner, and told the opponents to shirk provocation and communal hatred.

Accordingly Ahmadis submitted an application to the DC for permission to pray in congregation at the centre. A security officer later visited the religious teacher’s house.

The mullas are putting pressure on the AC, and propagating that authorities are supporting Ahmadis.

## **A step forward!**

### **Praiseworthy 2014 judgment of Supreme Court revisited**

*Islamabad, Karachi, Rabwah; October 2019:* It would be recalled that on June 19, 2014, a Supreme Court bench of three judges, headed by Mr. Justice T.H. Jilani, Chief Justice, issued a landmark judgment in a case of *suo motu* actions concerning some minority communities; however primarily it was a broad sweep verdict on the rights and status of all minorities. It was clear, well-worded and fairly wholesome, and the worthy judges also issued a set of eight directives, which if obeyed and implemented sincerely and effectively could be game changers in this field.

Now five years later, the Supreme Court has decided to constitute a special bench for the implementation of that landmark verdict. This step motivated the daily *Dawn* to write an editorial in its issue of October 07, 2019. It is readable and is placed at Annex to this Report. However it is very relevant and pertinent to list below briefly some events that involved Ahmadis during these five years, so as to place on record the way society responds to verdicts of the highest court in the land.

#### **2014**

- **Riot in Gujranwala:** Three Ahmadi females including 7-month old suckling killed in arson attack. Eight homes and four shops looted and gutted by mob in police presence. All 125 Ahmadi residents had to flee for safety from Gujranwala. Authorities did not facilitate their return to homes.
- **11 Ahmadis were target-killed** for their faith including Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar, a Canadian-American cardiologist.
- **Two Ahmadiyya mosques were demolished**, two others were disfigured or damaged and one set on fire.

- **Local councils' elections in Rabwah.** No steps were taken to facilitate Ahmadis' participation.
- **The Punjab Police in Lahore co-operated with mullas** this year as well to restrict Ahmadis their right to sacrifice cattle on Eid ul Adha.
- **GEO TV telecast Aamir Liaquat Hussain's program on December 22**, in which mulla Arif Owaisi called Ahmadis joint enemy of all Muslims and Pakistan. The mulla stated that Ahmadis, Jews and the U.S. were behind the Peshawar atrocity. An Ahmadi was killed in District Gujranwala within a week of the telecast.

#### **2015**

- **Jhelum incident:** Mob destroyed an Ahmadi-owned factory and occupied an Ahmadiyya mosque. Loot and arson took place in police presence. All Ahmadis had to flee from their homes and hearths to save their lives.
- **One Ahmadiyya mosque was demolished**, two were sealed and one was disfigured.
- **Government of the Punjab banned** more than 90 books and publications of the Ahmadiyya community on the recommendations of Mutahiddah Ulama Board. These included the entire works of the founder of the community.
- **Anti-Ahmadiyya elements were allowed to held conferences and rallies in Rabwah** throughout the year. They incited the participants against the residents of the town. This happened despite the National Action Plan against extremism and terrorism.
- **The (PTI) speaker of KPK Assembly** declared to the crowd in an anti-Ahmadiyya conference that the KPK government will soon make End of Prophethood part of school syllabus.

- **Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Peshawar issued a pamphlet** which stated: “*It is Jihad to shoot such people (Ahmadis) in the open.*”
- **The only book depot in Rabwah was raided** by authorities; its octogenarian proprietor was arrested by anti-terrorism squad.
- **A mulla on state payroll**, Zahid Mehmud Qasmi, stated: ‘Qadianis are a colossal mischief (*fitna*); the world of Islam will have to unite to crush its head’.

## 2016

- **Unlawful, unwarranted, hideous police raid** on Ahmadiyya central offices in Rabwah on December 5
- **Baseless vicious ban** on all the writings of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community (which are about 90 in number) and other Ahmadiyya publications and periodicals by the Punjab government
- **Slipshod official response to extremists’ threat** precipitated attack on Ahmadiyya mosque in Dulmial – mosque sealed, worship denied
- **PEMRA wimps out** of its notices to TV channels on Ahmadiyya issue
- **Judge ordered blasphemy clauses to be added** to the fabricated police case against Ahmadi pressman
- **Ahmadis again denied to bid in official auction** of residential and commercial plots in Rabwah

## 2017

- **The mulla imposed total surrender on spineless government** over Ahmadiyya right of vote. Voting right facilitated in new law is withdrawn.
- **Ahmadis disallowed** in the Punjab to publish their main scriptures.
- **Federal ministry announced** celebrating 2018 as “Year of Awareness of End of Prophethood”.

- **Azad Kashmir (AJK) Assembly** passes anti-Ahmadiyya malicious resolution.

## 2018

- **Azad Jammu and Kashmir Parliament (PML-N majority)** followed Pakistan to declare Ahmadis as non-Muslims, in February 2018.
- **Attack, gross desecration and severe damage** to an Ahmadiyya mosque in Sialkot, Punjab in May 2018. Officials engaged a mob to destroy a venerated site. Two Ahmadis booked by the police. Riot leaders thanked the district administration for substantial support.
- **Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court (IHC)** delivered a very unjust verdict against Ahmadis, on the basis of End of Prophethood in March 2018. It had serious impact on Ahmadis’ citizen rights and freedom of faith.
- **Hate material included in KPK text book** containing derogatory remarks against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community
- **Provincial minister Mr. Zaeem Qadri threatened murder** – personally, to any Ahmadi who peddles Ahmadiyya translation of the Quran. He brazenly refused constitutional rights to Ahmadis in January 2018.
- **Ahmadis faced great hardships in sacrificial rites** on Eid ul Adha; police booked two Ahmadis for this ‘crime’.
- **Two Ahmadis were charged with the fatal blasphemy clause**, on fake grounds.
- **Two Ahmadiyya mosques were demolished**, four were sealed by authorities and two were set on fire or damaged. Five other centers of worship were ordered to be closed.
- **Brilliant Ahmadi, Professor Atif Mian** was asked unjustly and indefensibly by the government to resign from Economic

Advisory Council. His faith was the issue.

- **Two affidavits to states one's faith**, one for Muslims and one for non-Muslims, were enforced by NADRA. Ahmadis are made to express 'non-Muslim' status imposed on them. These affidavits are the outcome of verdict given by Justice Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court on March 9, 2018.
- **An intelligence agency recommended further restrictions** on Ahmadis' Freedom of Religion and Human Rights in May 2018.
- **PTI government held sectarian moot in Islamabad** in the name of Seerat conference with theme "Khatme Nabuwwat and Muslims' Responsibilities ..."
- **'Exploit religion'** was the trend in election campaign 2018 of most of the political parties. Khatme Nabuwwat was made the issue.

## 2019

- **Closure of an Ahmadi Mosque** in Rawalpindi.
- **High level probe in Ahmadiyya printing presses** on demand of a mulla
- **Now, an order sheet by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court** – very readable
- **A book authored by the Ahmadiyya Founder** recommended by Ulama Board for ban
- **Ahmadi arrested** on a typical fake excuse, never thought of in the past
- **First drop of the poisonous rain:** Ahmadi arrested by cybercrimes wing, in Lahore
- **One accused of murder of an Ahmadi in broad daylight acquitted**
- **A top cleric paid from public funds,** Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi promotes religious intolerance

- **An open hateful banner** in the capital of Punjab incites mass murder of Ahmadis
- **Khatme Nabuwwat declaration obligatory** for Islamabad High Court Bar membership
- **Police up and running** against Ahmadis in Bahawalpur
- **Disturbing report from metropolitan Karachi** of a posted notice that sale or renting of residence to Non-Muslims not allowed in a residential block.
- **After the SC decision to form a Special Branch** to implement the SC verdict on minorities, the Bahawalpur district administration partly destroyed an Ahmadiyya mosque in its Hasilpur area.

## **Ahmadiyya worship places threatened in Karachi – follow-up**

*Karachi; October 6, 2019:* We reported earlier in May and July 2019 on an anti-Ahmadi activist-cum-journalist Ms. Basma Norine who prepared videos of Ahmadiyya prayer centers in Karachi and uploaded them on social media. Then she went to local police stations and tried to get an FIR registered against Ahmadis.

This month on October 6, 2019 she came along with a mulla to the Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Model Colony and started preparing a video. Ahmadis stayed inside the centre and informed the police and authorities by phone. Norine and the mulla wore shirts with anti-Ahmadiyya lines. They pasted anti-Ahmadiyya hateful posters on the prayer centre's exterior and went away. Later the police arrived, removed the posters and took them away. Thereafter Rangers arrived and took a copy of CCTV footage with them.

On return, Basma went to the Model Colony Police Station to get an FIR registered against Ahmadis but the police didn't oblige.

It is obvious that this woman journalist is on the pay roll of a Khatme Nabuwwat (KN)

organization. There are newspapers that go out of the way to spare space for the KN, like the daily *Ausaf*. MTKN gets funds from somewhere to hire these journalists ‘on hire’.

## 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 was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for two years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for over 5 years.
2. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was charged on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR Nr. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He was arrested a day earlier. He is under trial.

## From the Media

- **Three booked over (Ahmadiyya) worship place issue (Two Ahmadis and one Muslim booked)**  
On October 25, 2019 Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan spokesperson Saleemuddin had said in a tweet, “Today the assistant commissioner of Hasilpur along with Baldia workers attacked the 70 year old Ahmadi place of worship in 161 Murad District Bahawalpur & destroyed parts of the building without notice.”  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 28, 2019*

- **Qadiani fitna (mischief) is on the attack on Muslim Ummah in every way. Ulama Karam (KN)**  
*The daily Jinnah; Lahore, October 12, 2019*
- **Qadianis are leading the country to civil war: Abdul Latif Khalid (Ahrari)**  
*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, October 15, 2019*
- **Qadianis are supporting separatists in the country: Dr Ahmad Ali Siraj**  
*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, October 20, 2019*
- **Policeman martyred in clash with militants (in Quetta)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 1, 2019*
- **Centre moves to ban JUI’s Ansarul Islam**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 25, 2019*
- **We’ll not allow Pakistan to become secular: KN Conference**  
*The daily Express; Faisalabad, October 12, 2019*
- **Safdar sent to jail on judicial remand**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 23, 2019*
- **Abu Bakr Baghdadi (IS) eliminated in U.S. raid: Trump**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 28, 2019*
- **Bangladesh court sentences 16 to death for burning teen alive**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 25, 2019*
- **Jagmeet Singh appointed Deputy Prime Minister of Canada**  
*From social media, on October 26, 2019*
- **Multiple blasts at Afghan mosque kill 62**  
*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 19, 2019*
- **Burkina Faso: Attack on mosque. 16 worshippers dead.**  
*The daily Islam; Lahore, October 14, 2019*
- **67 die in Ethiopia in agitation against Nobel laureate Abiy Ahmed the prime minister**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, October 27, 2019*
- **America is governed by Americans. We reject the ideology of globalism, and we embrace the doctrine of patriotism.**  
*U.S. President Trump’s speech to the UNGA on September 25, 2019*

- **Imran decries world's silence over Kashmir**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 12, 2019*
- **(Home) Minister promises Non-Muslims refugees Indian citizenship**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 2, 2019*
- **49 Indian celebrities booked for writing open letter to Modi on mob lynching**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 5, 2019*
- **Jammu, Kashmir and Laddakh formally divided in two parts (by India)**  
*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, October 31, 2019*
- **Suleman Shahbaz (PML-N) declared PO (proclaimed offender in illegal assets cases), arrest warrants issued**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 28, 2019*
- **Nawaz lends unqualified support to Fazl's anti-govt march**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 12, 2019*
- **ANP to join JUI's march on Islamabad**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 12, 2019*
- **Twenty thousand additional (security) personnel arrive (in Islamabad to control Fazlur Rahman's March)**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, October 27, 2019*
- **So-called liberals have become blind in opposition to Imran Khan: Fawad Chaudhry**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, October 29, 2019*
- **Imran Niazi, not you but Nawaz Sharif will secure annexation of Kashmir to Pakistan: Shahbaz Sharif**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, October 29, 2019*
- **Fazl (JUI) meets Gen Bajwa**  
*The daily The News; Lahore, October 25, 2019*
- **SC constitute special bench for protection of minority rights**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 4, 2019*
- **Ethiopian PM (Mr. Abiy Ahmed) wins Nobel Peace Prize**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 12, 2019*
- **Coin issued to commemorate Guru Nanak's 550<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 31, 2019*
- **High treason case against Musharraf put off till 24<sup>th</sup>**

**On September 24, the special court had decided to proceed on a daily basis from October 8**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 9, 2019*

## **Tweet: Kashif N Chaudhry Retweeted**

Imran [Khan@ImrankhanPTI.1day](#)

Wishing all our Hindu citizens a happy Diwali

**Mona Farooq@moonalala**

It is nice of you to wish Hindus Diwali, but how about condemning the attack on one of the mosques of an already marginalized Ahmadiyya community in Hasilpur?

It was teared down in your own Riyaste Medina.

Is it the justice you promised?

Are Ahmadis not citizens of Pakistan?

11:33 PM – 26 Oct 2019

**Corrigendum:** In our Monthly Report for September 2019:

- On back page of Contents, line six – Delete word 'Arson', and write 'attack' as 'Attack'.
- On page 8, second column, upper headline – Delete word 'Arson', and write 'attack' as 'Attack'.

**An editorial from the daily DAWN****A step forward**

Editorial October 07, 2019

THE Supreme Court's decision to constitute a special bench for the implementation of its landmark 2014 verdict on the protection of the fundamental and religious rights of minority communities in Pakistan, is commendable — even if it has come five years late. The bench has been tasked with ensuring compliance of the detailed 32-page judgment written by former chief justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani at the conclusion of a suo motu case pertaining to the 2013 Peshawar church bombing. Hopefully, the constitution of this bench will expedite the federal and provincial governments' implementation of other recommendations in the judgment — one of the most significant works of jurisprudence on the protection of rights and religious freedoms of minority groups in Pakistan. The special bench will also be free to hear complaints regarding the violation of minorities' rights, thereby opening up a channel for the resolution of their problems that have largely been drowned out in the cacophony of religious rhetoric.

The 2014 judgment provided a roadmap for critical course correction by giving clear direction to the federal and provincial governments to take action under the existing laws to protect the rights of minorities, besides broadening the purview of religious freedom against the backdrop of international human rights laws, which some quarters deride as a 'Western' concept. The verdict underscored the need for promoting a culture of social and religious tolerance, and provided eight wide-ranging recommendations, including prompt registration of criminal cases against those who desecrate places of worship; setting up of a special police force to protect places of worship; taking action against people who initiate or spread hate speech on social media; and amending school and college curricula to help promote religious tolerance. But as is often the case in Pakistan, if any action was taken, it was inadequate, much to the concern of religious minority groups in Pakistan. Their worries have not been misplaced, as the church attacks in Lahore (2015) and Quetta (2017), and the mob violence in Mirpurkhas and Ghotki this year, later demonstrated. It is ironic that a country founded on the principle of religious freedom as enunciated by the Quaid has done so little to protect the minority groups residing within its boundaries. Every citizen must be equally free in the eyes of the state, irrespective of his or her religious beliefs.

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