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## PRESS RELEASE

**An innocent Ahmadi, Mr. Mahboob Khan brutally murdered in Peshawar because of his faith.**

**This murder is a direct result of an ongoing hate campaign against the Ahmadiyya Community who remain vulnerable to such attacks.**

**One after another, Ahmadis are being targeted in Peshawar while the Government has repeatedly failed to protect and stop the violence against the members of the Ahmadiyya Community.**

**The state institutions need to take effective measures regarding the protection of Ahmadis living in Pakistan: Spokesperson Ahmadiyya Community.**

Chenab Nagar (PR) Mr. Mahboob Khan of 82 years, an Ahmadi, was killed in Peshawar because of his faith. He was a retired official from a government public health service. On 08.11.2020 he was on his way back home from visiting his daughter when unknown assailants shot at him while he was waiting for his bus at the bus stop. He was shot at a very close range close to his head that killed him instantly. He has left behind a 70-year-old widow, 2 sons, and 2 daughters.

As a member of the Ahmadiyya Community, Mr. Mahboob Khan was facing persecution and threats because of his faith. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> incident of such nature in Peshawar against the members of the Ahmadiyya Community in the past 4 months. Spokesperson Ahmadiyya Community Mr. Saleem-ud-Din, has strongly condemned this incident and has demanded the government must take decisive action against such heinous acts of violence that are a direct result of the ongoing religious hatred. He further said that in Pakistan members of the Ahmadiyya Community have been targeted due to their faith for years. But as a direct result of such hatred and targeted attacks, the sense of insecurity and fear is at an alarming rate. Such incidents are clearly evident that the Government and the law enforcement agencies are least bothered about the lives and properties of Ahmadis. He also said that there is a significant increase in the hate campaign against Ahmadis in recent months. The Government of Pakistan has turned a blind eye towards the plight of members of the Ahmadiyya community and has failed to act against those behind this hate campaign. The Spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community demanded that the government will ensure that in the future such hate campaigns against Ahmadis will be dealt with and will take practical measures against the perpetrators. We hope that the Government will not abandon the peace-loving, Patriotic, innocent, and law-abiding Ahmadis at the mercy of these terrorists and hate mongers. End