

## **Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan**

### **News Report      June 2013**

#### **Ahmadi killed in the Punjab capital for his faith**

**Green Town, Lahore; June 17, 2013:** Unknown assailants killed Mr. Jawad Kareem, an Ahmadi at his home for his faith. He was 33.

Mr. Kareem, a resident of Green Town, was coming downstairs at about 8:30 p.m. to collect his wife from her clinic, when unknown assailants entered his house and shot him. The bullet hit him in the chest. He was rushed to the hospital but did not survive. He had no personal vendetta with anyone. However, he was an active Ahmadi and was receiving threats for some time.

On hearing the noise of the attack, his elder brother who lives on the ground floor came out. The assailants fired a few shots in the air, and told him, "Next, it is your turn."

He is survived by his widow, three small children and a brother. His youngest child is only five months old. His mother died of grief the next day.

The spokesman of the Ahmadiyya community strongly condemned the murder and the on-going target-killing of Ahmadis. "An organized anti-Ahmadiyya campaign is going on in Lahore for a long time; baseless police cases are being registered, and the administration cooperates fully with the miscreants," he said. Hate is promoted and venom is spit against Ahmadis in conferences which are held in the sacred name of Khatme Nabuwwat. The audience are provoked against Ahmadis and instigated to attack them. Also, anti-Ahmadiyya stickers and provocative banners are displayed at public places. "By acting puppets of anti-Ahmadiyya elements, the administration has proved that it has no interest in protecting legal rights of Ahmadis," he added. Ahmadis are patriotic citizens of this country and deserve security by the state. "We have informed the authorities after every incident to solve this problem, but they pay no heed. The publication of decrees of *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed) and dissemination of anti-Ahmadiyya hate literature is constantly on the rise which the government can easily stop. The killers should be arrested and brought to justice," he demanded.



#### **Prominent Ahmadi murdered in Karachi for his faith**

**Karachi; June 11, 2013:** Mr. Hamid Sami, 48, a chartered accountant, was shot dead here in the afternoon on a busy road. A community 'press release' stated:

*"Chenab Nagar (Rabwah): PR. Chaudhry Hamid Sami, an Ahmadi was shot dead for his faith, in Karachi on June 11, 2013. He left his office in Al-Hayat Chambers, M.A. Jinnah Rd. at 6:30 p.m. by car to go home. A friend and a business colleague accompanied him in the car. On the way, some unidentified motor-cycle riders approached his car and opened fire. At least 6 bullets hit him on the face, hand and body, killing him on the spot. He was 48. He left behind a widow, two daughters and a son. The daughters are 12 and 9 years old, while the son is 11. His dead body will be brought to Rabwah for burial.*



*“Mr. Saleemuddin of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan expressed great grief over this target-killing and strongly condemned the act. Ahmadi professionals have been targeted in Karachi frequently, while none of the perpetrators has been brought to justice. This has encouraged them to continue the killings. According to him the authorities’ lack of concern regarding Ahmadis’ security is thus obvious. Ahmadis are patriotic citizens, so they deserve to be protected by the government. “After every such incident we have urged the authorities to attend to the situation, but to no avail,” he complained. Publication of hate literature and issuance of fatwas of Wajibul Qatl is ever on the increase; the government can effectively put a stop to it. He demanded immediate arrest of the killers and their trial.”*

In a general circular to all the concerned authorities the community’s Director Public Affairs conveyed that since the promulgation of the anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX of 1984, 231 Ahmadis have been murdered for their faith. Fifty-one of these casualties were in Sindh, including 21 in Karachi. Most of the victims in Karachi were well-known professionals in their fields.

### **Ahmadi gravely wounded in assault**

**Jhelum; June 11, 2013:** Mr. Naveed Ahmad S/O Mr. Rasheed Ahmad was shot by unknown assailants at 1:15 p.m. in his shop. He was seriously injured and rushed to the hospital.

Three unknown men on a motorcycle stopped in front of his shop. One of them came to Mr. Ahmad and asked for water. Mr. Ahmad provided him a glass of water. The stranger said, “It’s very hot”. Mr. Ahmad offered him to come inside under the fan to cool down a bit. At this, two of his fellows also came inside the shop. The first one pulled a pistol at Mr. Ahmad. Mr. Ahmad resisted but the assailant managed to pull the trigger. The bullet hit him under his left eye and injured his jaw. His fellow also fired at Mr. Ahmad which hit him under his ribs and injured a portion of his liver. The assailants fled thereafter. Mr. Ahmad was rushed to the hospital. After first-aid he was shifted to PIMS hospital, Rawalpindi. Several bottles of blood were needed to replenish his lost blood. Eventually he became stable and is now out of danger.

Mr. Naveed Ahmad is the elder brother of Mr. Laiq Ahmad, the head of the local Ahmadiyya youth organisation.

### **Barred from congregational prayers**

**Pasroor, District Sialkot; May 31, 2013:** Ahmadis offer their congregational Friday prayers at the residence of the local missionary as they do not have their own mosque. A police inspector arrived there when Ahmadis were offering their Friday prayers. He told Ahmadis not to offer their prayers there. Ahmadis explained him their position. At this the inspector demanded an NOC for offering Friday prayers there. He was told that there is no need of an NOC for offering Friday prayers; others are also offering their Friday prayers without obtaining any permission. The inspector said, “They are offering the prayers in the mosques and you are offering it in a house, so you need permission. I am constrained to convey this in view of the law and order situation.”

Ahmadis met the higher police official to help, but he told Ahmadis not to say their Friday prayers until he had spoken to the mullas.

The authorities do not allow Ahmadis to build a place for worship, nor do they allow them to pray at home. This is the freedom of worship – Punjab style. The Punjab ruled by Mian Brothers who now complain of terrorism.

### **Update on the weekly ‘Lahore’ case**

**Lahore:** It was reported in last month’s News Report that a mulla Muhammad Yaqub had filed an application with the police to register a case under the blasphemy law against the Ahmadi editor and publisher of the weekly Lahore and two others, for production and distribution of the ‘objectionable’ material. He also approached a local judge for orders to the police to register the case.

The above move was reinforced with a vigil by the Khatme Nabuwwat activists against the office of the weekly. In the face of this threat the editor, Mr. Yasser Zeervi had to stop going to his office, and the publication of the weekly came to a stop.

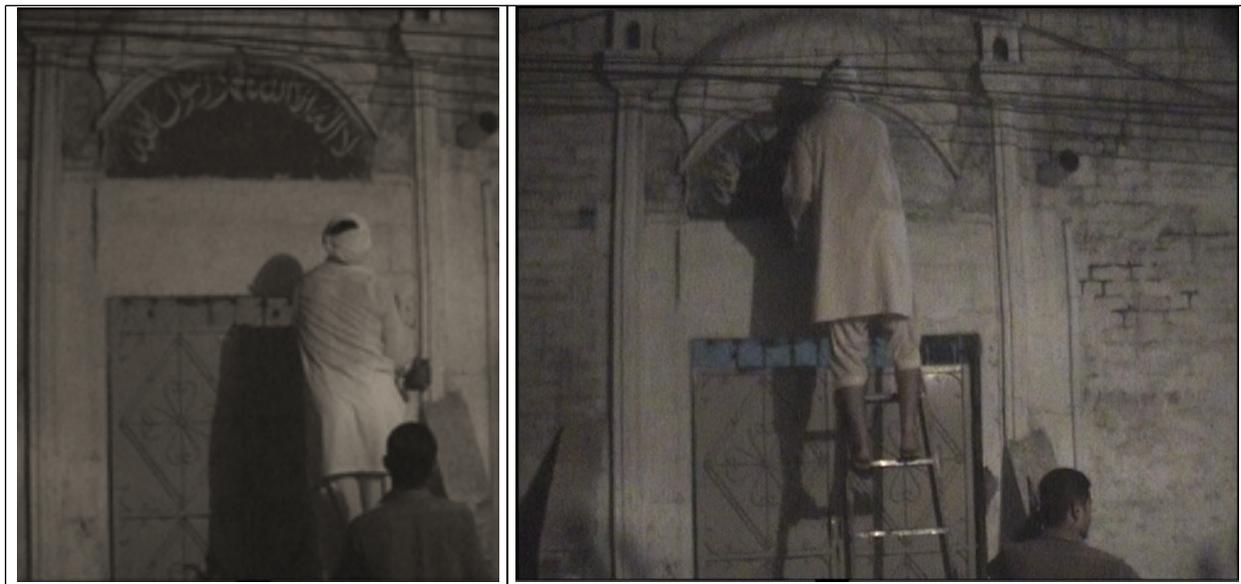
On June 13, 2013 at about midnight a posse of police accompanied by 3 mullas came to the ‘Lahore’ office, opened the lock, went inside and collected from there some books and publications. The presence of the mullas with the police party is intriguing, and raises questions.

It is now learnt that Mr. Hamid Hussain, the Additional Session Judge ordered the police to register a case under Ahmadi-specific clause PPC 298C. The case is registered in FIR 282/2013 in Police Station Mazang, Lahore.

The fragility and vulnerability of Freedom of Press in the Punjab is noteworthy in the Ahmadiyya context. It is rather damning that 29 years after the promulgation of the infamous Ordinance XX and 25 years after the dictator’s death his legacy is kept alive; obviously the Pakistani society cannot put all the blame on Zia for all that has gone wrong with the state; it is now responsible itself for the quagmire it is in.

### **Punjab Police desecrates another Ahmadiyya mosque**

**Sheikhupura; June 26, 2013:** Two policemen and one man in civvies came to the main Ahmadiyya mosque and told the management that Maulvi Manzoor Vattoo had filed an application against the *Kalima* (Islamic creed) written outside the Ahmadiyya mosque and demanded its removal.



The management told the visitors that it was not Ahmadiyya practice to remove the *Kalima* nor would they allow a private party do so.

Thereafter four officials of the CID department visited the site in the evening and repeated the mulla’s demand. They were given the same reply.

Then at about 10:30 p.m. the police arrived in two vans led by a DSP. An inspector and four constables came to the mosque gate, climbed a ladder and effaced the *Kalima*, as demanded by the cleric.

### **Authorities target still another Ahmadiyya mosque**

**Chak no. 107 RB Sharqi, District Faisalabad; June 14, 2013:** The police came to this village and forbade local Ahmadis to proceed with the construction of their mosque. The mosque was being built inside an Ahmadi's house and was near completion. The president of the local Ahmadiyya community, Mr. Munawwar Ahmad was called to the police station. He went there along with a few Ahmadis. The DSP and the SHO were present at the police station. They pressurized Ahmadis and obtained an undertaking from them that they would demolish the mosque by June 16.

Ahmadis are trying to resolve this matter peacefully. It is noteworthy that the authorities do not allow Ahmadis to construct a place of worship. They order them to demolish the under construction mosques, and they help the miscreants to attack locations where Ahmadi assemble for worship, and book them *en-masse* for alleged violation of laws. This unfortunately is the reality of freedom of worship in Pakistan – for Ahmadis.

### **On-going hostility in Lahore**

**Lahore; June 2013:** Ch. Munawwar Ali, an office-bearer of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Jamaat has been sent threatening letters from the Tahrike Khatme Nabuwwat for some time. Recently he received such a letter from a mulla, Aziz ur Rahman who claimed link with the Tahrike Khatme Nabuwwat. The mulla threatened him, *“Your hiding in the public will not shake us off; we wait for your son to be alone. Whenever possible, we’ll abduct him and kill him. Eventually all of you will be put to death. If you decide to become a Muslim and repent sincerely, you may contact us without fear at the Khatme Nabuwwat Center in the Aisha Masjid. We promise you shelter and security. However, if you go to the police, we are not afraid of them. The police can do no harm to us. Decision now is yours; become a Muslim or be ready to die.”*

Ch. Munawwar Ali has been advised to exercise greater caution.

**Lahore; June 2013:** An anti-Ahmadiyya Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held in Jamia Masjid Bilal which is known for its single minaret. The chief guest was Maulvi Giyasuddin of Ahle-Sunnat (an MPA from Narowal). He leveled baseless allegations and spoke filth against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community and provoked the audience against the Ahmadis.

As reported above, an Ahmadi was killed in Green Town for his faith. The provocations and threats in such public rallies sow seeds of violence that do deliver their crop of death and destruction. The Punjab Governments fails to pay attention to this simple truism.

### **Anti-Ahmadiyya activities in Karachi**

**Baldia Town; June 1, 2013:** Stones were pelted upon two Ahmadi houses by unknown miscreants. Anti-Ahmadi wall-chalking was also undertaken by miscreants in this township.

**Steel Town; June 2013:** A man who told his name as Anwar Hussain came to the Ahmadiyya mosque and told the Ahmadis to change the name of the mosque within four days. It is learnt that he has links with the Maulvi Fazl ur Rahman group. The administration has been informed of his threat.

### **Islamic inscriptions erased**

*Raja Bazaar, District Rawalpindi; May 29, 2013:* Ch. Muhammad Akbar, an Ahmadi runs a business “Al-Rahman Traders” in the Namak Mandi, Raja Bazaar. The name of his shop, his name and a Quranic verse were written on the signboard of his shop. A few bigots along with some members of the local market came to his shop at 4:30 p.m. and covered the words Al-Rahman, Muhammad and the Quranic verse with black paint on the signboard of his shop.

### **The blasphemous banner**

*Ahmadpur Sharqia, District Bahawalpur; May 10, 2013:* Those hostile to Ahmadi displayed a blasphemous banner in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque on which filthy language was written against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community. Ahmadi met the police to complain. The DSP and the SHO were helpful and arranged the removal of the hateful banner.

### **Clerics of district Umargoth, Sindh**

*Talhi, District Umargoth; May 29, 2013:* Three mullas came to the shop of an Ahmadi and removed the stickers of Quranic verses from there, in the presence of a Hindu helper at his shop. They also demanded removal of the names of Allah and Muhammad (PBUH) from the shop and threatened of consequences in case of non-compliance.

Ahmadi contacted some decent influential persons regarding this incident. The MNA responded actively and tasked one of his men in Talhi to talk to the mullas. His message was effective; the mullas replaced the stickers at night.

### **Update of religion-based police cases in Lahore**

**Black Arrow printing press case:** The police raided the workshop of a book-binder, Syed Altaf Hussain and arrested him, his son and his workers on February 22, 2013. The charge: he undertakes book-bindings of some Ahmadiyya publications. Syed Altaf Hussain is not an Ahmadi. Two days later, the police released four of the detainees but kept Syed Hussain in detention at P.S. Old Anarkali. Mr. Asmatullah, an Ahmadi who was also implicated in the Black Arrow case and was granted bail by the court in that case, was not released because he was also mentioned in this case of the book-binder. Syed Hussain (non-Ahmadi) and Asmatullah (an Ahmadi) are still behind bars. The court heard their plea for bail but rejected the same.

**Ahmadiyya daily, Al-Fazl case:** On April 10, 2013, the police registered a case against the editor Mr. Abdul Sami Khan, the printer Mr. Tahir Mehdi Imtiaz Ahmad of the daily Al-Fazl and four others, under the Anti-Terrorism Act and (anti-Ahmadi) Ordinance XX. The latter four accused, Mr. Khalid Ashfaq, Mr. Tahir Ahmad, Mr. Faisal Ahmad and Mr. Azhar Zareef were arrested by the Islampura police. On May 7, 2013 the judge granted the bail to two, Mr. Azhar Zareef and Mr. Faisal Ahmad Tahir, and denied the bail to the other two Mr. Khalid Ashfaq and Mr. Tahir Ahmad. They remained behind bars. Their plea for bail was heard by the Lahore High Court on June 6, 2013 and rejected.

These Lahore cases deserve note and attention by the United Nations agency that is concerned with the state of Freedom of Religion or Faith in countries who have ratified the relevant international accords.

### **Religion and political unrest in Rabwah suburbs**

*Dawar, District Chiniot:* Some non-Ahmadi of this village blocked the street that passes in front of Ahmadi's homes. Ahmadi contacted the administration and representatives of the media and invited them to visit the site. As a result the street was opened in the evening.

The next day, however, a big group of non-Ahmadis, accompanied by a few local politicians met the police and again blocked the street. Apparently this issue is based on some recent election grievance. The Khatme Nabuwat mullas were quick to avail of the opportunity for mischief, and came over to Dawar to deliver a 'sermon' on Friday.

Ahmadis have intensified their efforts to promote peace and are hopeful of a settlement.

### **Anti-Ahmadiyya conferences**

**Saith Colony, District Okara; May 14, 2013:** A mulla spoke venomously against the Ahmadiyya community in the Ahle-Hadith mosque and provoked the audience against Ahmadis. "*The only punishment of an apostate is death .... Who will come forward and punish the followers of a fake prophet, if the authorities do not do that? Ahmadis are wajib-ul-qatl (must be killed). The Apostasy law was implemented in the days of Khilafat Rashida and apostasy was made punishable with death. We urge the government to have this legislated in the (National) assembly,*" he bellowed.

**Bhibrana Qasmi Colony, District Jhang; May 30, 2013:** A session of Dars Quran-o-Hadith was conducted here. It commenced at 9:30 p.m. and lasted until 2 a.m. Four speeches were made. The first was about the merits of the Holy Quran, while the rest of the three speeches were full of slander against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community.

### **Mullas' mischief**

**Rabwah:** The Rabwah land is property of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya as per the deed formalized 65 years ago. In order to discourage trespassing etc, the Anjuman recently covered the area with wires, west of the railway line - from the railway station to the railway crossing. The mullas, always on the look-out for some mischief, took up the issue and started agitating over the false pretext that Ahmadis had undertaken illegal possession of the land.

The mullas urged their followers to assemble in the Station Mosque for the Friday congregation. Approximately 600 came. The mullas indulged in profuse slander and abuse against Ahmadi elders. As the police had been forewarned, they were present in numbers. This ensured some peace.

It was decided by the administration and the police to approach the DCO to have the area remeasured and marked to ascertain ownership.

### **Bigots active in District Sargodha**

**Chak Mangla, District Sargodha; June 7, 2013:** Four men came to Mr. Muhammad Abdullah the local president of the Ahmadiyya community and demanded removal of the *Kalima* written inside the local Ahmadiyya mosque. Mr. Abdullah conveyed them that he would never remove the *Kalima* nor allow them to do so. They expressed their determination to do so and departed.

Ahmadis informed some nobles of the area of the mischief. They also contacted the police and demanded security. The police provided some security during the next Friday congregation, and called both the parties to the police station at 5 p.m. Ahmadis reached the police station but the opponents failed to turn up. The notables of the area told the police that they had no problem with the Ahmadis.

Earlier the police had removed the *Kalima* from the main-gate of the same Ahmadiyya mosque, and it was then decided that whatever was written inside the mosque would not be erased.

In these circumstances, the mischief mongers had to calm down.

### **Ahmadi dies while serving the country**

**Dera Ghazi Khan; May 5, 2013:** Mr. Muhammad Sabir Tahir, Ahmadi, a soldier in the Pakistan Army, died in North Waziristan while performing his duty.

Muhammad Sabir and a colleague were clearing a road in Razmak. They had cleared two bombs, but while they were handling the third, the terrorists exploded it through remote control. Both the handlers were martyred.

Mr. Muhammad Sabir was given an official burial with due honours. He is reported to have known of his impending death. On his recent departure for duty after home-leave he told his mother, "I leave now to return as a martyr."

The vernacular press reported his death, but as the correspondents came to know of his Ahmadiyyat, they dropped his forename Muhammad from their reports.

Muhammad Sabir is mourned by his widow, old parents, a brother and four sisters. He was 30.

### **Ahmadis behind bars**

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### **From the media**

#### **Man from Ahmadi community shot dead (in Karachi)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 12, 2013*

**Ahmadi-owned magazine's office under seize. At least 18 United Khatme-e-Nabuwwat members patrol the area round-the-clock.**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, June 14, 2013*

#### **Ahmadi sect member killed in Pakistan (Lahore)**

*ZEENEWS.Com*

**Ahmadi literature. Blasphemy suspect denied bail.**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, June 9, 2013*

#### **FIR registered against Ahmadi owners (of a weekly)**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, June 15, 2013*

**Saif ur Rehman acquitted of charge of attacking the Ahmadiyya worship place on account of no evidence**

*The daily Jinnah; Lahore, June 14, 2013*

- Chenab Nagar: Inadequate security measures in Rabwah. Improvement demanded.**  
*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 3, 2013*
- Chenab Nagar: Drinking water not available. Long lines at the filtration plant.**  
*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, June 26, 2013*
- Chenab Nagar Sui Gas Office staff act as tout mafia and is a team of corrupt officials.**  
*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, June 27, 2013*
- Chenab Nagar: Gutter drain mixes with drinking water. Citizens inflicted with disease. No one cares despite repeated complaints: citizens**  
*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, June 5, 2013*
- Chenab Nagar streets have become depots of fifth. Foul smell makes life difficult.**  
*The daily Express; Faisalabad, June 29, 2013*
- Qadianiyyat is the greatest threat to Muslims: Maulana Irshad**  
*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, June 5, 2013*
- Mardan: 30 dead including MPA in suicide attack on a funeral assembly**  
*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, June 19, 2013*
- Terrorists attack Nanga Parbat camps, slay 10 foreign climbers**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 24, 2013*
- 15 killed in suicide strike on Peshawar mosque**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 22, 2013*
- 14 girls, deputy commissioner among 25 killed in Quetta**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 16, 2013*
- Militants torch 3 Nato vehicles: 4 drivers burnt alive**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 11, 2013*
- PTI MPA shot dead in Hangu**  
*The daily The News; Lahore, June 4, 2013*
- Nine die in Taliban attack on SHC judge**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 27, 2013*
- Taliban bullets kill MQM MPA, son**  
*The daily The Nation; Lahore, June 22, 2013*
- DSP among three gunned down in Peshawar**  
*The daily The News; Lahore, June 25, 2013*
- Three suspected extortionists arrested from capital**  
They tried to claim affiliation with Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan  
*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, June 29, 2013*
- Polio team thrashed in Lalamusa (Punjab)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 25, 2013*
- Anyone like Salman Taseer will end up like him who made a joke of the constitution and the law concerning the honour of the Prophet. Subsequent to Sharmeela Farooqui's outburst against Ghazi Malik Mumtaz Qadri, any lover of the Prophet can lose his balance: Muhammad Asif Razi, the City President of Faisalabad Sunni Tehrik  
*The daily Nawa-e-Waqt; Lahore, June 29, 2013*
- Britain: Sexual violence against children by the respected ulama (Ulama Karam) condemned**  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, June 30, 2013*
- For God's sake, don't forget my statement: The Titanic of the Muslim Ummah is sinking.**  
*The daily Din; Lahore, June 27, 2013*
- Wave of bombings kills 39 in Iraq**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 11, 2013*

**BD sentences to death 10 Islamists**

*The daily The News; Lahore, June 21, 2013*

**Blasphemy suspect (Rimsha Masih) moved to Canada, says lawyer**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 30, 2013*

**Mosque attacked in Baghdad; 31 killed**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 19, 2013*

**Chinese cleared of blasphemy in AJK**

*The daily The Nation; Lahore, June 1, 2013*

**Rowhani is new Iran President**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 16, 2013*

**Three MQM ‘sympathizers’ shot dead (in Karachi)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 6, 2013*

**Nawaz Sharif takes oath as prime minister, third time**

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, June 6, 2013*

**Quaid’s residency blown up by BLA**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 16, 2013*

**Naya Pakistan? PTI MNA calls for Mumtaz Qadri’s release**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, June 20, 2013*

**BB murder: FIA declares Mush ‘prime accused’**

*The daily The News; Lahore, June 26, 2013*

**DNA controversy: abolition of Council of Islamic Ideology**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 8, 2013*

**Three policemen among eight killed in Karachi**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 10, 2013*

**Musharraf to be tried for treason: Nawaz**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 25, 2013*

**Op-ed: Pakistan: The Council of Islamic Ideology intends to complete the elimination of the religious minorities**

*(Also a remark on Justice®, Nazir Akhtar of LHC)*

This kind of mindset continues to grow because the police have never charged any perpetrators (of murders of the blasphemy accused). The government’s inaction and zealous judges like the judge of the Lahore High Court, Justice Nazir Akhtar, are also contributing factors. He said that anybody accused under blasphemy charges should be killed on the spot by Muslims as their religious obligation and that there was no need for legal proceedings for a blasphemer. These remarks appeared in the newspapers of Pakistan, including the Urdu publications *Insaf* and *Khabrain* on August 28, 2000. Justice Akhtar said (Ilm Din) Shaheed law is available to respond to any blasphemy against the prophet: “We shall slit every tongue that is guilty of insolence against the Holy Prophet.” Justice Khwaja Sharif is well known for his views too.

[www.humanrights.asia/ahrc-news/AHRC-ART-057-2013](http://www.humanrights.asia/ahrc-news/AHRC-ART-057-2013)

**Op-ed: It’s time Isa descended (Ab Hazrat Isa Elaihissalam aa hi jain)**

Many people request me to appeal to the pilgrims to Makka in Ramazan to pray: “O Allah, do send now Hazrat Isa Elehissalam (Jesus). Enough is enough.”

*Musarrat Qayyum in the daily Nawa-i-Waqt, Lahore; June 28, 2013*