

## **Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan News Report    October 2012**

### **Target-killing of Ahmadis goes on in Karachi and elsewhere**

**October 2012:** Five Ahmadis, including three in Karachi were killed by unknown killers this month. Last month four Ahmadis were likewise murdered in Karachi. No arrests have been made. Incidents for the month of October are briefly described below.

- I. Khawaja Zahur Ahmad, 64, was shot dead near his home in Satellite Town, Sargodha on October 4, 2012 at about 9:15 p.m. He was hit under his right ear. He was rushed to a hospital, but he expired on route.

The deceased was facing heightened opposition from clerics for the past few months. On one occasion extremists had gathered outside his home and shouted slogans. He had no personal vendetta with anybody. He was killed only for his faith.

A wave of anti-Ahmadi propaganda has engulfed the Punjab for months, and Ahmadis have been called *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed) by the mullas in their rallies. The authorities have shown little interest in putting a stop to this campaign. The deceased has left behind a widow, two sons and three daughters.

- II. Mr. Riaz Ahmad Basra, Ahmadi was shot dead in Ghatialian, District Sialkot on October 18, 2012 while on his way home from the mosque after the evening (*Isha*) prayers.

In the past few months, there is sectarian tension in Ghatialian and the opponents of Ahmadis have targeted the Ahmadiyya mosque there. Mr. Riaz Basra, an Ahmadi activist, was defending this mosque in the court.

A mulla, Qari Afzal is stoking the sectarian fire in Ghatialian these days. He is the one who has gone to the police and the court against the Ahmadiyya mosque. He continues to instigate the locals against Ahmadis who now are of the opinion that it is he who persuaded the opponent family to commit this murder as the conditions were favourable for any shot against Ahmadis.

- III. Mr. Saad Farooq, 26, was killed in Baldia Town, Karachi on October 19, 2012 when his family convoy was driving back home from their mosque after the Friday congregational prayers. Mr. Farooq was riding a motor cycle. Unknown men on a motor cycle approached him from behind, shot him in the head, and he died on the spot. They then fired at a car in which Mr. Farooq's father, brother, father-in-law and others were seated. The three were injured and taken to a hospital.

A few months ago, the president of the Ahmadiyya community Baldia Town was killed by target-killers.

Mr. Saad farooq was an active member of the Karachi Ahmadi community. He had only recently been married a few days before. His bride of three days is now a widow.

- IV&V Two more Ahmadis, Raja Abdul Hamid Khan and Mr. Bashir Ahmad were killed in Baldia Town four days later, on October 23, 2012.

Raja Abdul Hameed Khan, 40, a homeopath was shot dead at night in his clinic. Ten minutes later, Mr. Bashir Ahmad, 70, owner of a general store shop was shot dead, perhaps by the same people.

Within less than seven weeks, seven Ahmadis have been killed in Karachi. This year 9 Ahmadis have been murdered in Karachi for their faith. The authorities have shown little concern over this, while they have been repeatedly intimidated by Ahmadis that the situation is

grave and deserves their serious attention. Anti-Ahmadi propaganda is openly undertaken and Ahmadis are declared *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed). The sources of this agitation are well-known to authorities who have apparently taken no initiative to curb or control these criminal activities.

### **Ahmadis attacked**

**Karachi; October 19, 2012:** As stated above an Ahmadi family was driving back home after Friday prayers in the local mosque when some unknown motor-cycle riders approached them from behind and first shot dead Mr. Saad Farooq, a 26-year old young man. Immediately afterwards his assailants fired at the car in which three passengers, Mr. Farooq Kahlon, Mr. Ahmad Farooq and Chaudhri Nusrat Mahmud were grievously injured.

Mr. Farooq Kahlon, father of Mr. Saad Farooq was hit four times, Mr. Ahmad Farooq was hit in the temple, while Chaudhri Nusrat Mahmud, who had come from the United States to attend the marriage of his daughter with the targeted Saad Farooq, was hit in the neck and chest. All three were rushed to a hospital where doctors assessed their condition very serious. Mr. Farooq Kahlon is the president of the Ahmadiyya community in Baldia Town. Sometime ago, another president was target-killed here.

Mr. Nusrat Mahmud's newly-wed daughter became a widow three days after her wedding.

**Karachi; September 24, 2012:** Mr. Munawwar Ahmad S/O Mr. Basharat Ahmad, aged 35, was attacked by unknown men. Mr. Ahmad sustained injuries.

Mr. Ahmad was working in his bakery at 15:00 when four men on two motorcycles stopped in front of his shop. One man came inside the shop and fired several shots at Mr. Ahmad and his helper. Both got injured. They were taken to a hospital, where they became stable after two days.

### **Police case fabricated against three Ahmadis**

**Ghatialian, District Sialkot; August 20, 2012:** The police registered a case against a few non-Ahmadis and four Ahmadis upon the application of a mulla Qari Afzal, who accused them of hurting his feelings and intimidation. The police registered the case under PPC 298, 506 and 34 with FIR no. 231 in Police Station Qila Kallarwala. The Ahmadis named in the case were Mr. Naeem Ahmad, Mr. Gulfam Naeem, Mr. Ahsan Ramzan and Mr. Shahid Abdullah. The first three of these Ahmadis were not even present at the time of the incident. A temporary bail was obtained for them. On October 15, 2012 the Additional Session Judge of Pasroor changed the applied penal code in the case with PPC 298-C, an anti-Ahmadiyya clause, and rejected the temporary bail of Ahmadis. The police arrested all the Ahmadi accused and sent them to jail. A bail application was moved in the magistrate's court; it was granted on October 23. The accused will face trial.

### **Ahmadis denied the practice of their faith on Eid**

Sacrificing an animal on Eid-ul-Adha is an important religious tradition with Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis alike. Ahmadis were deprived of their right to practice this ritual throughout Pakistan. The authorities joined the mulla at these occasions to deprive Ahmadis the freedom to practice their faith. Lahore topped the list. A few incidents are narrated below:

**Iqbal Town, Lahore; October 27, 2012:** Mr. Waseem Ahmad bought a calf to offer as sacrifice. When he took his animal to a butcher, a bearded man arrived at the scene along with some mullas and called the police. The butcher had already slaughtered Mr. Raheem Ahmad's (another Ahmadi) goat by then. The mulla told the police that Ahmadis had violated an Islamic practice and should be arrested forthwith. The police took Ahmadis to the

police station along with Mr. Ahmad's calf. A non-Ahmadi friend of Ahmadis said, "What crime is committed if a non-Muslim slaughtered an animal?" To this the mullas retaliated angrily and insisted that a police case be registered. Ahmadis returned home in the evening. The issue is still kept alive.

Mr. Noor Ahmad Nasir, an Ahmadi in Sant Nagar, Lahore bought a calf for sacrifice on Eid. Two policemen came to his house at about 23:00 and told him, "Approximately 17 men of your locality have complained to the police that you are offering a sacrifice on Eid. This is violation of the Ordinance. We are warning you in advance to abstain from it. This is an order from our higher-ups." They warned similarly other Ahmadis of the area.

The police came to the house of Mian Muhammad Zafarullah in Allama Iqbal Town, Lahore at about 2 a.m. They told him not to offer sacrifice on the Eid day, otherwise a police case would be registered against him.

Similar incidents happened in Nishter Block, Lahore with Khawaja Saeed Akhter, Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad, Ch. Fateh Muhammad and Col. (R) Mubashir Ahmad. The SHO accompanied by mullas came to Ahmadi houses and forbade them to offer sacrifices on Eid day. He threatened them with registration of police cases in case of non-compliance.

The campaign to deny Ahmadis their right to sacrifice an animal on Eid was undertaken in other cities as well. A photo of a banner put up in a market in Sargodha is shown at Annex II to this report. It shows that Ahmadis are not allowed this right by law, Sharia, morality (incorrect on all three counts – ed.). People have been told to report any attempted violation to a mulla Akram Toofani, on his phone # 0300-9606593. The mulla's adopted name Toofani means 'hurricane'.

It is noteworthy that the police and authorities decided to leave this inciteful banner on display. The resulting problems in such cases are thus the consequence of mullas/authorities cooperation. It is relevant to mention that while the Ordinance XX (PPC 298-B and C) mentions various restrictions on Ahmadis in detail, it makes no mention of sacrificial animals.

### **Desecration of Ahmadiyya graveyard and a vicious attempt**

**Chak Chatha, District Hafizabad; October 19, 2012:** Anti-Ahmadi activities have been on a steep rise in District Hafizabad for some time now. Their reports have been published in these monthly reports. In August this year the police desecrated the Ahmadiyya cemetery in Mangat Uncha of District Hafizabad on behest of mullas. Encouraged by this, mullas have put pressure on the police to remove Quranic verses and Islamic inscriptions from the gravestones of Ahmadis in Chak Chatha as well. The police tried to persuade Ahmadis to commit this desecration themselves. Ahmadis refused to do that. Some unknown men came to the Ahmadiyya cemetery on October 19, 2012 during the night and erased Islamic inscriptions from gravestones.

Certain strange incidents happened on the same night. A 2.5 feet long snake was found at the table in Dr. Basharat Ahmad's clinic. Dr. Ahmad is the local president of the Ahmadiyya community. A 1.5 feet long snake was thrown at about 17:00 in the courtyard of Mr. Iftikhar-ud-Din's house, an official of the local Ahmadiyya community. Similarly, a snake was found in the clinic of Dr. Shafiqur Rahman. Dr. Rahman went out to fetch something to kill it but could not locate it on return. Fortunately no Ahmadi was hurt in this ingenious attack.

### **Sectarian prejudice in educational institutions**

Ahmadi students face sectarian prejudice in many schools, colleges and universities. The state has failed to provide protection and fear-free environment to vulnerable Ahmadi students. A few of these incidents are reported below:

**Hafizabad; October, 2012:** Sectarian treatment has been meted out to Ahmadi students in a private school here. Shiraz Ahmad S/O Mr. Basharat Ahmad Qamar went to school on October 12 wearing a T-shirt with a sticker of Shezan on it. The owner of this company is an Ahmadi family. At this a teacher Maulvi Barkat Ullah reprimended him and told him that he was a Mirzai and *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed). “We should have dealt with Qadianis of Chak Chatha as we dealt with those of Mangat Uncha”, he added referring to a riot at the latter location. The next day he told Shiraz to stand up in the classroom and told him that he was a Qadiani, but it was not his fault, it was that of his parents.

Mr. Qamar talked to the principal of the school and complained about the behaviour of Maulvi Barkat Ullah.

**Lahore; October, 2012:** Miss Afshan Malik, Ahmadi is a student of F.Sc. Part II in Government Degree College for Women, Gulshane Ravi, Lahore. She participated in the *Natiya* (poems in the honour of the Holy Prophet PBUH) competition in the Punjab Youth Festival. The Chief Minister of the Punjab was also present at the event. He liked her recital of a *Naat* so much that he asked for recital of one more *Naat* from her while the result was being compiled. She did that and was acclaimed by the audience. These two *Naats* were produced by Ahmadi elders. She was awarded the first prize and a trophy.

After a few days when her rivals came to know of her religious denomination, they turned to mischief against her. She was harassed in the college. They tried to get a police case registered against her. The situation became very serious.

In the face of all this she had to discontinue her studies and the entire family had to shift elsewhere.

**Kot Abdul Malik, District Sheikhpura; September, 2012:** The situation is getting tense for Ahmadis here for the last few months. A big madrassa is located here. Students of the madrassa speak venomously against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community, in the open. They instigate the public to implement a social boycott of Ahmadis. Ahmadi students are harassed in their schools; even teachers do not behave properly with their Ahmadi students. The children of Mr. Amjad Ali were beaten up in the school because of their faith. They were greatly harassed and became afraid of going to school again. Similarly a few non-Ahmadi youths harassed the nephew of Mr. Amjad Ali and abused him on September 24, 2012.

**Sargodha; September, 2012:** Miss Hira Mubarak and Miss Zonera Mubarak, two Ahmadi sisters study in the University of Sargodha. Hira is doing her M.A. Education. A student of the same university came to the Education Department to meet his cousin, a classmate of Hira. He asked Hira if she was a Qadiani? “Qadianis are infidels, don’t have any relationship with my cousin”, he told her. He asked his cousin to boycott Ahmadis. Hira maintained her calm in the face of this provocation. The overall situation here for Ahmadi students in the hostel is a cause of concern. A few miscreants promote sectarianism at the campus. They have distributed ball-point pens among the students, with the inscription “**Boycott Qadianis**” on them. Ahmadi students are under stress.

### **Still another Khatme Nabuwat Conference in Rabwah**

**Rabwah; 4 and 5 October, 2012:** Not content with a big End of Prophethood rally in Rabwah last month, the mullas and politico-religious parties held another major 2-day open air conference in Rabwah. It was a big occasion – approximately 10,000 participated. Almost all of them had come or were transported to Rabwah from outside. The authorities authorized holding this rally and provided the official support. What was stated at the occasion and

passed as resolutions are noteworthy.

### **Statements**

- Almost all the speakers used very spiteful language against Ahmadis and their elders.
- The first sign of love of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) is social boycott of Qadianis.
- Implement a boycott of all products produced by Qadianis.
- Mulla Ayub Saqib of Daska threatened that if the authorities do not demolish the minarets and niches of Qadiani places of worship in Sialkot, then Muslims would occupy these places.
- A small minority (Ahmadis) are indulging in poisonous propaganda abroad against the nuclear Pakistan as such they should be fired from all posts in the energy sector, said Qazi Ehsan Ahmad.
- Qadianis are the greatest enemies of Muslims.
- If Qadianis write the *Kalima* (Islamic creed) on their houses, have it removed.
- We shall tolerate no amendments in the Blasphemy laws.

### **Speakers**

Among a host of speakers who addressed the crowd following deserve special mention:

Syed Munawwar Hassan, the Amir of Jamaat Islami came from Lahore. He said that it was time to promote the spirit of Jihad. The U.S. is now defeated.

Dr. A. Q. Khan (nicknamed The Merchant of Menace) addressed the rally through telephone. "Muslims are ready worldwide to stop the anti-Islam forces. We shall have to join hands to support the cause of End of Prophethood", he said.

Mulla Ata ur Rehman MNA, a brother of Maulvi Fazl ur Rehman (of JUI), also addressed the rally. "Conspiracy is developing to delete the word 'Islamic' from the name of the country. Other than a Muslim, no Jew, Christian or Hindu can be given the office of the President or Prime Minister in Pakistan", he said.

Maulvi Abdul Khabir Azad, the Khateeb of the Badshahi Mosque Lahore, who is a paid government servant was among the mullas who joined the rally.

Mulla Aziz ur Rehman Jalandhri delivered the Friday sermon and stated that this government is an agent of the U.S. and the Jewish lobby.

### **Resolutions**

According to the daily Al-Sharq, Lahore of October 6, 2012, following resolutions were adopted and demands made on the government by the rally, *inter alia*:

The conference demands from the government that Mr. Mumtaz Qadri, the lover of the Prophet (who assassinated Governor Salman Taseer) should be released honourably. The President should announce the remittance of his punishment.

This rally condemns the brutal treatment by the U.S. of Pakistani Dr. Aafia Siddiqui in incarceration, and demands that the government should fulfil its national obligations with regard to her release.

The Sharia penalty (of death) for apostasy should be imposed as recommended by the Islamic Ideology Council.

The madrassas must retain their autonomy. Unfair police cases against the Ulama and religious activists should be withdrawn, and they should be released forthwith.

Admission forms to public and private educational institutes should contain certification regarding faith in the End of Prophethood and the apostasy of Mirza Qadiani.

Qadiani terrorist organizations namely Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya, Tehrik Waqfe Jadid (sic), Ansarullah, Lajna Imailla (women's association), Atfalul Ahmadiyya (children's association) should be effectively banned and all their assets in the country and abroad should be confiscated.

Anti-state activities of Qadianis should be put to a stop. A quota should be specified for their share in public services. Qadianis should be fired from all posts in the departments of Education, Health and Trade.

### **Logistics and miscellaneous**

- Extensive security measures were adopted. The police provided full support.
- Various slogans were shouted in full threat including *Qadianiat Murdah Bad* (Death to Qadianiyat).
- Anti-Ahmadi books were on sale in a book stall.
- The rally had its Information center, Parking, Food and Water Supply, a Traffic Plan, Free Dispensary, etc.
- All the 10,000 participants were provided free food. All other expenses were also on the house; THE QUESTION: From where the mullas get the money for all this extravaganza?

### **Military operation demanded in Rabwah**

**Lahore; October 5, 2012:** The daily Waqt, Lahore published the following three-column headline with a story based on proceedings of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Khatme Nabuwat Conference held in Rabwah:

#### **Military operation should be undertaken in Chenab Nagar: Khatme Nabuwat Conference**

The story included the following, *inter alia*:

Qadianis are guilty of textual and translatory alteration of the Holy Quran.

Qadianis should be fired from all offices related to energy.

Qadiani (arbitration) courts and the apostasy set-up in Chenab Nagar must be closed down.

Qadianis should be forbidden the use of Quranic verses and Islamic terminology.

The *Kalima* (Islamic creed), minarets and niches in Qadiani places of worship all over the country should be removed.

Those arrested during the Honour of the Prophet campaign must be released forthwith.

A military operation should be undertaken in Chenab Nagar, as in FATA.

### **Ahmadis barred from offering Eid prayer – in Rawalpindi**

**Islamabad; October 30, 2012:** The daily Nation in its online edition published the following story (extracts):

#### **Ahmadis barred from offering Eid prayer**

October 30, 2012

ISLAMABAD – The Ahmadiya community residing in Rawalpindi city continues to bear the brunt of dangerous religious frenzy.

Around 1500-1600 worshippers belonging to Ahmadi community - who were supposed to congregate at the worship place of the community located at E-Block of Satellite Town to observe Eidul Azha prayers were barred by the authorities from doing so.

It came after a new wave of hate-campaign against the community hit the city.

The Action Committee Khatm-e-Nabuwat (ACKN) - an opportunistic alliance between the banned religious outfits including Jamatud Dawa (Jud) and Ahle Sunnat Wal Jammah (former Sipah-e-Sahaba) and some local traders - just a week before Eidul Azha had filled the city with anti-Ahmadi banners demanding of the city administration to seal the worship place permanently.

It was not the first time, as community members were also not allowed to offer Eidul Fitr prayers around two-and-a-half months ago.

“We, the office-bearers of Anjuman-e-Ahmadiya Rawalpindi (AAR), have formally requested the city administration to allow us to observe Eidul Azha prayers at Ewan-e-Tauheed near the Holy Family Hospital. But the administration refused on the pretext of law and order situation,” said a member of the administration of Ewan-e-Tauheed, wishing not to be named, while talking to The Nation.

He said that AAR had also requested the administration to suggest them some alternate place of worship, but it was not entertained too.

He said that the worship place located at Murree Road, Rawalpindi, Bait-ul-Hamd, could accommodate only 200 worshippers. “Some of the community members belonging to Rawalpindi moved to Islamabad to offer prayers,” he said.

<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/islamabad/30-Oct-2012/ahmadis-barred-from-offering-eid-prayer>

### **Ahmadis fight back – with letters**

**Lahore:** The Express Tribune, Lahore published the following story in its issue of November 2, 2012:

#### **As death toll mounts, Ahmadis fight back – with letters**

By Saba Imtiaz

Published: November 2, 2012

**KARACHI:** During a recent Supreme Court hearing in Karachi that was examining the progress made on its 2011 verdict on violence in the city, a police officer attempted to explain why over a dozen people had died the day before the hearing. “And this person was a Qadiani,” he said, referring to a victim.

There was no further explanation.

Nine Ahmadis have been killed in Karachi since January, a marked increase from recent years. The Ahmadiyya Jamaat has now written to government officials, including the president, prime minister, inspector-general of the Sindh police and the director general of the Rangers in Sindh, calling on them to take action against those responsible. The community believes that Ahmadis have been targeted for their faith.

The letter, authored by the community’s spokesperson and dated October 25, states:

“As I write to you, nine Ahmadis have lost their lives only in Karachi in recent past as a direct result of hate campaign and target killing because of their faith.”

“The signs and tactics of these attacks are the same and yet I regret to say that there has been no progress in apprehending the culprits. I am not alone in believing that we have been left by the state at the mercy of militants and miscreants who are thirsty for Ahmadi blood and there is little that is being done to provide Ahmadis security.”

The letter also tries to put these attacks in perspective. “The bigger and wider issue is increasing presence of hate filled material or wall chalking in the area that provides an open invitation to any miscreant to take matters into his hands,” it states.

It calls on the recipients to “take action and fulfill your duty to protect the life and property of all citizens without discrimination.”

Calls and messages to Sindh IG Police Fayyaz Leghari, Additional IG Iqbal Mehmood and the Sindh Additional Home Secretary Waseem Ahmed went unanswered. Waqar Mehdi, the adviser to the Sindh chief minister, said he had no knowledge of a letter being received. “If this is the case [that they have

sent a letter] then they should send a copy to me and I'll have a look at it," he said.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/459601/as-death-toll-mounts-ahmadis-fight-back--with-letters/>

### **An elaborate anti-Ahmadiyya plan, for a town in District Khanewal, Punjab**

**Kabirwala, District Khanewal; October 2012:** Pasbane Khatme Nabuwwat, one of the numerous organizations that thrive on the issue of End of Prophethood, has launched a major campaign against Ahmadis in Kabirwala. They published a pamphlet with scheme to promote their anti-Ahmadi aims and to seek public support. Its main points are translated here:

**Total social boycott of the Qadiani mischief:** a) To contact every trader to awaken his sense of honor, educate him on the condemnable Qadiani aims and strongly motivate him to boycott products manufactured by Qadianis, b) To locate agency-holders of products produced by Qadianis and stop them from dealing in these, c) If any trader or agency-holder does not boycott Qadiani products then to launch a campaign in public for his boycott.

**Pursuit of Qadianiat in every street and corner:** a) To prepare lists of Qadiani houses street-wise to stop Muslims' relations with Qadianis, to awaken their religious honour and protect them from poisonous germs of Qadianiat. b) To locate Qadianis' places of work and job, to monitor their activities, to keep an eye on them so that they do not influence any Muslim.

**Installation of notice boards in mosques:** To install Pasbane Khatme Nabuwwat boards in all mosques of the city to weekly educate people on doctrinal references regarding 'end of Prphethood' from the Quran, Sunnah and the research done by Ulama.

**Installation of pana-flexes of Pasbane Khatme Nabuwwat in business centres:** To install beautiful pana-flexes of Pasbane Khatme Nabuwwat in business centres and squares of the city so that people may know that the lovers of Khatme Nabuwwat are active here, and further to mortify and hurt the enemies of Khatme Nabuwwat through arousing their jealousy.

**Holding public rallies:** To conduct a program of conferences in all major mosques of the city every month on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat, to which local as well as outsider ulama will be invited to incite sense of religious honour in the public.

**Quarterly magazine of Pasbane Khatme Nabuwwat:** To start a quarterly magazine in which articles will be published based on the Holy Quran, traditions of the Holy Prophet and writings of religious scholars in order to make Muslims aware of the need and importance of the Khatme Nabuwwat and to convey the awareness of condemnable objectives of Qadianiat at the door of the people.

**Establishment of Khatme Nabuwwat Academy:** Founding a Khatme Nabuwwat Academy is the need of the time. Short courses will be conducted here for students of madrassas, schools, colleges and for all others who belong to different walks of life.

**A Khatme Nabuwwat library:** There is no public Islamic library in Kabirwala. Provision of such a library is necessary. The books written by Muslim scholars about Khatme Nabuwwat and others which stimulate sense of religious honour will be available here in large numbers. Annual membership of the library will be operative.

**A Pasban Welfare Trust:** Qadianis and capitalists and landlords who subscribe to other false ideologies rob poor Muslims of their faith and put them on the path of apostasy. Pasbane Khatme Nabuwwat will stop them. If God wills, all means will be provided to build up poor Muslims financially, bear educational expenses of poor Muslim students so that they may protect their faith and have a bright future.

**All Pakistan annual Khatme Nabuwat Conferences in Kabirwala:** To hold every year All Pakistan Khatme Nabuwat Conference in Kabirwala, invite elders of the Aalami Majlis Khatme Nabuwat and other Deobandi Ulama to raise public awareness of the dogma of Khatme Nabuwat. *InshAllah* (If God wills)

The above statement merits high marks for planning; it will surely strengthen the Kabirwala Pasban's case to demand huge funds to build an academy, establish a library and start a welfare trust. But from whom, and what is the original source of the expected funds?

### **A bidding to kill**

**Laki Marwat, KP; September, 2012:** The finance secretary of the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat Norang in District Laki Marwat, KP has issued a two page anti-Ahmadi pamphlet with reference to September 7, 1974 when Ahmadis were declared non-Muslims through a constitutional amendment. He has used bad language against Ahmadi leaders in the pamphlet which ends in bidding the readers to indulge in violence, in these words:

"Whoever indulges in blasphemy against the Prophet (PBUH) whether he is Musailma the liar, a Qadiani or Pervezi, will be tackled whole-heartedly, and will be sent to hell, or we ourselves shall be seated on the high chair of martyrdom."

This caller to bloodshed, Haji Ibrahim Adhami of Majlis Khatme Nabuwat has given his phone numbers as: 0302-5575928 and 0312-5575928. He is apparently a comrade-in-arm of Malala killers – only on a different front.

### **Ahmadi goes missing**

**Karachi; October 2012:** Mr. Latif Ahmad Sabir Nasri and his daughter Ms. Hafiza Aalia converted to Ahmadiyyat on September 5, 2011. They faced severe opposition from their family and others due to this change. They had to shift residence to avoid hostile incursions. It is now learnt that he went to his bank on October 1, but did not return thereafter. Follow-up search has failed to locate him. His disappearance has been reported to the police. May be he has been kidnapped.

### **Trouble brewing in District Khushab**

**Chak 2/TDA, District Khushab; October 2012:** Mulla Athar Shah of Qaidabad is again very active these days to incite the people and move the authorities to confiscate the Ahmadiyya mosque in village Chak 2/TDA.

The land for this mosque was granted by the government in 1950 when this barren area was being colonized. Ahmadis built their mosque on it and it has been in their use since then. The mulla now argues that the land was then given to Ahmadis to build a mosque, but now that Ahmadis have been declared non-Muslims, the land and the mosque belongs to 'Muslims'. He agitates the locals to take over the land. He received little support in his campaign.

Athar Hussain has recently moved the session's court with the plea to hand over the mosque and the land to the Muslims and register a case against four Ahmadis namely Rana Nasrulla, Rana Suhail Ahmad, Mr. Mubarak Ahmad and Rana Rafiq Ahmad of the said village.

This mulla was the instigator of a riot in Takht Hazara in November 2000 where five Ahmadis were killed. He has now been posted in District Khushab by his employers. Recently he succeeded in compelling the police to remove the *Kalima* from this very mosque on September 16, 2012.

### **Ahmadiyya graveyard in Lahore under threat**

**Model Town, Lahore; October 2012:** Approximately 30 mullas accompanied by a few lawyers called on the SHO Liaquat Abad and demanded that an FIR be registered concerning the Ahmadiyya graveyard in Model Town. The mullas pointed to the religious writings on various tombstones and referred to a court order which is open to interpretation. The mullas had the audacity to remind the police of the ‘fate’ of Governor Salman Taseer.

The SHO sent for the president of the Model Town Ahmadiyya community and told him to either remove the tombstones or seek a stay order from the court. Later the DSP repeated the same demand. Both options are outside the law, in Ahmadis’ opinion. Ahmadis, of course, would not undertake defiling of the holy inscriptions, police were told that.

The mullas fomenting the trouble were led by *imam* (prayer leader) of Jamia Muhammadiya Rizwia in Khan Colony that is located in the back of the graveyard.

### **Religion requisitioned in support of personal vendetta**

**Lahore; October 2012:** A non-Ahmadi, Mr. Faisal Bashir attacked Mr. Asim Naseerud Din, an Ahmadi with an iron rod and injured him. The two had a financial dispute. Mr. Din approached the police station to have an FIR of the assault registered. Bashir contrived to give the dispute a religious tone. He gathered a few men of the area and led a procession against Mr. Din. The procession halted in front of Mr. Din’s house. The participants were holding up banners with inscriptions on them: “**Asim Qadiani should be stopped from preaching**” and “**We will not allow Lahore Cantt to become another Qadian.**” Thereafter the participants assembled in Bashir’s house. The police inspector came to the site to investigate. He called for Mr. Din out of his house. On his arrival the crowd uttered threats to him. At this the police inspector had to intervene firmly. The opponents then told him that they took out the procession in fact to put pressure on Mr. Din to withdraw the police case against Bashir. The inspector advised Din to oblige; the latter readily agreed, under the circumstances.

Mr. Din has been asked to exercise caution.

### **Judicial relief to a known mass murderer**

**Lahore; October, 2012:** Two Ahmadiyya mosques were attacked in Lahore in May 2010 resulting in 86 Ahmadi worshipers dead. Ahmadis captured two attackers on the site and handed them over to the police. One of them is Abdullah who is now under trial. His defense team took the line that he was under 18 at the time of the attack, so his trial should be held under a different law. The court ordered his medical checkup by a team of five doctors. They reported that he was less than 18 at the time of the attack. At this the judge told the police to submit a new case against him in the court.

### **Hostile reconnaissance of Ahmadis and their mosques in Lahore**

**Iqbal Town, Lahore; October 2012:** Members of Hafiz Saeed group carry out frequent reconnaissance of two Ahmadiyya mosques, Baitud Tauheed in Iqbal Town and Daruz Zikr in Garhi Shahu and also of Ahmadis who come there for worship.

They post a man beside the road who notes down the registration numbers of the cars and vehicles of Ahmadis coming to the mosques. Others sometime chase Ahmadis to their homes and mark their houses.

Mr. Qaiser Ahmad Gondal was returning home after offering his evening prayers on October 10, 2012. He sensed two men chasing him. He entered his house hurriedly. After a while those men gathered a few mullas outside his house and demanded the removal of the decorative plate of *Ayatul Kursi* (a Quranic verse) in the entrance. Mr. Gondal told them that he would not do it himself, but told them that they could undertake that sacrilege if they had

the audacity. They removed the plate and declared him a *Kafir* (infidel) on leaving. They informed his neighbours that Mr. Gondal was a Qadiani and urged them to boycott him.

Mr. Gondal's son took to heart their provocative remark and cried for long, protesting, "Why did they call us *Kafir* (infidel)?"

These opponents launched a hate campaign against Mr. Anwar Virk, a prominent Ahmadi. They published a leaflet to that effect. Mr. Virk has been advised to take appropriate precautionary measures.

**Model Town; October 16, 2012:** Mr. Naeem Ahmad resides in H. No. 25, Ittefaq Colony, Q Block, Model Town. He has been running a general store close to his home for the last 17 years. Islamic inscriptions were written at the front of his shop. Approximately 30 men, most of them mullas went to the Police Station Liaquat Abad to report against Mr. Ahmad. They talked to the SHO, went to his shop and started taking photos of the Islamic inscriptions. They demanded their removal. After their departure a policeman informed him that they had come to talk about the Ahmadiyya graveyard in Model Town, and they also demanded removal of the Islamic inscriptions from his shop and from other Ahmadi houses.

A procession came to Mr. Ahmad's shop on October 16, 2012, shouted slogans and told Mr. Ahmad to remove the inscriptions. Timely arrival of the police at the site saved the situation. The police expressed their helplessness in the face of this extremism and urged Mr. Ahmad to remove the Quranic verse from his shop.

Mr. Ahmad removed the plate to avoid any more trouble.

### **An assault in Sahiwal**

**Sahiwal; October 12, 2012:** Mr. Majeed Ahmad has become a victim of numerous outrages of his neighbor for a year and a half, for his faith. He indulged in a scuffle with Mr. Ahmad on two occasions.

Mr. Ahmad was returning home on October 12, 2012 when his neighbour intercepted him and beat him up. Mr. Ahmad did not respond in kind. The police and the administration are being informed of his problem. Mr. Ahmad has been advised greater caution.

### **Hostility in Mirpur Khas area, Sindh**

**Nagar Parker, Sindh; September 21, 2012:** A strike was called in Mirpur Khas for September 21, 2012. Following incidents involving Ahmadi happened that day:

1. A procession led by opponents of Ahmadiyyat was organized in Nagar Parker. It passed in front of the Ahmadiyya mission house / computer centre. Processionists raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans. One of them repeatedly hit the gate of the computer centre with his rod.
2. This procession passed by an Ahmadi youth. The participants in the procession invited him to join the procession. He refused. On being told that he was an Ahmadi, a mulla slapped him on his face.
3. This procession also passed by the Ahmadiyya Guest House in Satellite Town. Processionists indulged in firing shots in the air and raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans.

**Mirpur Khas; October 6, 2012:** Mr. Muhammad Siddique Bhatti is a prominent Ahmadi who has been living here for 40 years. He has a good business in Shahi Bazar. He is facing severe hostility for some time for his faith. Last year a group of youth from the bazaar scuffled with his son.

Mr. Bhatti has been conveyed intelligence reports that goons of the Sunni Tehrik and Sipah Sahaba are after him. They intend attacking him. Some target-killers arrested in Karachi confessed that they were given the task of killing Mr. Bhatti of Mirpur Khas also. He has been advised to take all precautions.

### **A Barelvi Khatme Nabuwat Conference in Lahore outskirts**

**Kala Shah Kaku, Lahore; September 30, 2012:** Barelvis seem to have firmly decided that they would not like to be left out in the political cold from the bonanza apparently buried under the soil of ‘honour of the Prophet’, ‘end of prophethood’ etc. They held a big rally in their International Secretariate Kala Shah Kaku, GT Road, Lahore, under the banner of the Jamaat Ahle Sunnat, Punjab.

Although their leadership took the line of speaking against violence, but bigotry and extremism was overflowing in their speeches all along. Highlights:

- We shall sacrifice all for the love of the Prophet.
- We shall declare Jihad against the U.S. if it does not stop patronizing the blasphemers.
- Qadianis are traitors and rebels to Islam.
- The U.S. should hand over the blasphemers to Muslims.
- Europe and the U.S. are scared of (Muslims’) sentiments for the love of the Prophet.
- Faith in the End of Prophethood is the basis of Islam.
- Qadianis are involved in the unrest in Balochistan.
- Qadianis should be disallowed to use Islamic names. OIC is a dead horse, etc.

Following leading mullas addressed the crowd:

Hamid Saeed Kazmi, Sahibzada Fazl Karim, Mufti Munibur Rehman, Raghav Husain Naeemi, Mian Nazir Akhtar (a former High Court Judge), Pir Riaz Hussain, Mazhar Saeed Kazmi.

*Source: The daily Khabrain, Lahore; October 2, 2012.*

### **Brelvis hold another anti-Ahmadi conference – in Shahdara**

**Shahdara, Lahore; October, 2012:** The daily Ausaf reported that Tehrik Fidayan Khatme Nabuwat held a Khatme Nabuwat conference here. Wajid Ali Shah Gilani presided over the session. Among those who spoke, Pir Ashraf Rasul MPA (of PML-N), Justice (R) Nazir Akhtar and Mufti Haseeb Qadri were prominent. Highlights:

- The Justice (R) demanded that death penalty for apostasy should be enforced in Pakistan, and Qadianis should be banned entirely.
- The central Amir demanded the rulers to break all diplomatic and trade relations with the U.S.

### **Demand of registration of case under Ahmadi-specific laws**

**Karachi; September 17, 2012:** A mulla Anwar Rana who works in the office of Aalami Majlis Khatme Nabuwat has requested the Sessions Judge Karachi (East) to order the SHO Police Station Brigade to register an FIR against Mirza Masroor Ahmad (The Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Community), the editor, the chief editor and the printer of the daily Jang, under PPC 298-B and 298-C, the anti-Ahmadi laws.

In his application he stated that the daily Jang of September 13, 2012 published the statement of Mirza Masroor Ahmad in which he posed as Muslim and promoted his teachings, which is forbidden in Pakistani law.

The mulla first took his application to the police station where the SHO took no action on that. Thereafter the applicant approached the court to order the SHO to register the FIR.

The Judge issued the following order, (Extract):

“The applicant is directed to approach the concerned police station along with his application for recording his statement and the SHO P.S. Brigade on receipt of application shall record his statement under section 154 Cr.P.C. and if he finds in his opinion the same is in respect of cognizable offence he

shall incorporate the said statement in FIR book without any delay otherwise disposal of the same in accordance with law.”

### **Dr. A. Q. Khan's fresh whack at the Ahmadiyya community**

Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan, the infamous nuclear trafficker who has been called the Merchant of Menace and who admitted indulging in nuclear proliferation publicly some years ago, leaves no opportunity to hit the Ahmadiyya community. A few weeks ago, in a program on GEO TV with self-styled doctor, Amir Liaquat, Dr. Qadeer, who is from Bhopal, claimed two credits for Bhopal, 1) There has never been a traitor from Bhopal, 2) There has never been a 'Qadiani' from Bhopal. The mention of 'traitor' and 'Qadiani' in the same breath was apparently pre-planned. However, once again the Dr. was cheating his applauding audience.

Dr. Qadeer conveniently overlooked the fact that Mr. Abaidulla Aleem, a renowned poet born in Bhopal, was an Ahmadi. Also, Dr. Qadeer chose to forget that in 1947, at the critical juncture of the great Partition, the Nawab of Bhopal requested Chaudhry Sir Zafrullah Khan, an Ahmadi, to act his Advisor and entrusted him with the care of the state's and his interest. Sixty-five years later Dr. Qadeer talks of traitors and Qadianis with reference to Bhopal!

Dr. Qadeer most probably suffers from jealousy against Dr. Abdus Salaam, the Ahmadi Nobel laureate. In fact, those who know nuclear physics, place the two in different leagues altogether. There is little to compare.

### **Asian Human Rights Commission takes notice**

**October 12, 2012:** The AHRC issued a statement AHRC-STM-202-2012 on the subject of Ahmadis' exclusion from the national democratic and electoral process. The statement was appropriately titled:

#### **PAKISTAN: No legitimacy to be at the UN with Ahmadis disenfranchised**

The text is available at Annex I to this report.

### **Hostile Khatme Nabuwat conferences**

**Larkana; October 18, 2012:** Mullas held an End of Prophethood conference here. It was greatly publicized. It was held in Nazar Muhallah where Ahmadis also reside in numbers. The organizers chose the venue of the conference close to the Ahmadiyya place of worship. A publicity van took several rounds of the area until evening prayers on October 17. The rally started after the evening prayers on October 18. Khalid Mahmood Somro, a leader of JUI (F) from Larkana attended the conference. He declared Ahmadis *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed) and provoked the public to kill Ahmadis for alleged blasphemy. Mulla Allah Wasaya of Multan also attended the conference. All speakers spoke venomously against the Ahmadiyya community. This conference ended at 02:00 in the morning.

Ahmadis informed the authorities in advance and remained on guard.

**Amir Park, District Gujranwala; October 18, 2012:** An anti-Ahmadiyya conference was held here by Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat in Noor Mosque. Their aim was to provoke Ahmadis. Ahmadis live in this area in significant numbers. This conference started after the evening prayers and was attended by approximately 250 men. Speakers indulged in badmouthing leaders of the Ahmadiyya community. They published a pamphlet with the portrait of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community on it and blasphemous writings against him. This pamphlet was thrown at the feet of the people who were exiting from the venue of the conference, and indulged in beating it up with sandals. Copies of this obnoxious pamphlet were also thrown in the yard of the Ahmadiyya mosque of the neighborhood.

## **Twice cursed: Trials of being labeled an Ahmadi and a blasphemer**

*Lahore; October 10, 2012:* The Express Tribune of Lahore issued the following story under the above title in <http://tribune.com.pk/story/448710/twice-cursed-trials>:

### **Despite being acquitted in a blasphemy case, Irshad's life is that of a fugitive**

Lahore: In year 2010, Mian Irshad\* was acquitted in a blasphemy case by the Lahore High Court. Despite the court order, Irshad's life has resembled that of a fugitive since then.

In 2004, Irshad – who had accepted the Ahmadi faith a few years back – was taken to a local cleric in his village in central Punjab by his father. Irshad's father wanted him to revert back to Islam. The cleric tried to persuade him but to no avail. On Irshad's refusal, the cleric then nominated him in a case under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC).

Irshad tried to evade the police for a while but was told by his community elders to present himself before the authorities and fight a legal battle.

### **Life in prison**

Leaving behind a wife and a toddler with the same family which ostracized him for converting, Irshad moved from one jail to another. Eventually, he requested the court to put him in a prison with better security because the militants in some prisons posed a threat to him.

He was then moved to a central jail, which had many criminals and terrorists but also enough security to keep Irshad and other blasphemy convicts safe.

During the confinement, Irshad said he avoided confrontation with prisoners who provoked him – many of whom were militants.

"Blasphemy accused avoid feuds because very cruel methods of beating were used, for instance hot oil was poured over people during fights; I escaped such beatings by keeping myself busy with chores, reading or staying with other blasphemy accused men."

After six difficult years in prison, Irshad was proved innocent with the help of human rights organizations and the support of the Ahmadi community. The community helps its members through litigation when they are accused of blasphemy or charged under the Anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX 1984 of the PPC.

Irshad is one of the 299 Ahmadi individuals who have been accused of blasphemy since April 1984, as per the data compiled by the Ahmadi community.

### **Family of the accused**

Away from her husband, Irshad's wife was living at the mercy of the relatives and villagers. Irshad's wife Jamila said the family members and villagers did not treat her "like a human". Eventually she was taken in by her parents till the time of her husband's release.

"People only paid heed to what the cleric said, despite the fact that we had lived together in that village for years."

### **Life beyond prison**

Since Irshad's acquittal, he has not stepped outside the town where he now lives. He supports his wife and two sons only through menial jobs because of a fatwa against him which bars him from working elsewhere.

Irshad's case is a peculiar one as he is not just any non-Muslim falsely accused of blasphemy but an Ahmadi. He said that the only way he can support his family in a better way is by leaving Pakistan.

The Ahmadi community in Pakistan is not merely persecuted as a religious minority but is openly targeted across Pakistan. And in the current situation, where blasphemy accused or suspects are lynched openly, different incidents show that a blasphemy accused of the Ahmadi faith can either live a secret hidden life or leave the country.

This kind of hatred will destroy not only the targeted community but it will destroy Pakistan, said the Human Rights Commission Pakistan (HRCP) Secretary General I A

Rehman. He added that the appeasement and fear of the state will haunt them and if they think that the extremist elements will not find them, then they are wrong.

\* The names of the interviewees have been changed by the reporter to protect their identities.

### **Livelihood of an Ahmadi family destroyed for its faith**

**Jaranwala, District Faisalabad; September 17, 2012:** Here, Khawaja Qaiser Rasheed, an Ahmadi is facing life-threats to him and to his children. Some unknown persons came to his house and threatened him of murder on August 26, 2012. They again visited his house on August 30, 2012 and told his wife to convert to Islam or face harm to her children. On being informed of this, Mr. Rasheed felt greatly upset and hurried to bring his children back from school. He decided to shift his family elsewhere in the face of the threat. He has informed the community officials of the situation. Later he reckons that he has been followed by unknown men.

Mr. Rasheed is an old resident of this town, people are well aware of his religious denomination. He runs a shop here. The landlord of his shop came to him on September 17, 2012, took him to the shop and told him to open it. Then the landlord told his companions to move out all the stock from his shop. Thus Mr. Rasheed has lost his business and the means of livelihood. He is considering leaving his town – a tough and problematic undertaking.

### **Ahmadi woman harassed for faith**

**Tando Allahyar, District Hyderabad; October 2012:** Ms. Sadeeqa Zafar is facing hostility from religious bigots. Some anti-Ahmadi mullas have conveyed her life-threats. They also pelted stones on her house. She earns her family's livelihood by doing a job. She has to remain very cautious while outside. Opponents have tracked her and harassed her. She is greatly upset because of all this. High police officials have been informed of all this.

### **Another Ahmadi under hostile reconnaissance**

**Bair Abad, District Hyderabad; October 2012:** Mr. Zafarullah Siddiqi Akhwand is a prominent Ahmadi in the area. He runs a cloth shop in the market. He is facing religion-based hostility for the last few months. The hostile propaganda is on the rise against him. Some suspects have visited his shop and house. Two men on a motorcycle took several rounds of his shop. They were holding weapons and wearing Palestinian flags around their heads. A fellow-shopkeeper hinted that those miscreants were after him.

Mr. Akhwand feels threatened.

### **Livelihood of an Ahmadi at risk**

**Gulshan Park, Lahore; October 22, 2012:** Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Tahir owns a business of stickers and printing. A few months ago some mullas came to his shop and tried to engage him in religious talk. Mr. Tahir avoided the talk and the mullas departed. Now it is learnt that an anti-Ahmadi lawyer has applied to a court to order the police to register a case against Mr. Tahir. He stated, "I went to Ahmad Sticker House to buy some stickers. The owner of the shop started talking with me on religious issues and told me that all this mischief is because of mullas. They call us *Kafir* (infidels) ... etc" It is learnt that this fabrication has been pushed by M. Badar Alim, an advocate, who has offered testimony in this case too. Previously he was the instigator of erasing the *Kalima* from Daruz Zikr (Garhi Shahu) and demolition of its minaret.

## **A loaded H.R. story of 1980 – worth placing on record here**

**Rabwah:** The daily Alfazl dated October 11, 2012 published an article written by Mr. Bashir Ahmad Rafiq, with title: **Good Words about Chaudhry Zahur Ahmad Bajwa – my mentor, my friend.** Mr. Rafiq is a former Imam of the Fazl Mosque in London, while Mr. Bajwa was a Director of Public Affairs of the Ahmadiyya Worldwide Jamaat in 1980s. The narrated incident is indicative of the Ahmadi's human rights situation in 1980 when general Zia was in power, Mr. Bhutto had been hanged a year before and the notorious Ordinance XX was still four years in the future. The narrative translated below is an extract from this article.

“In 1980, ... I built a comfortable house in Rabwah, and shifted to it. Mr. Bajwa would occasionally visit me and we had coffee together. This continued for long. It was in those days that someone knocked at my door; I opened it and found a respectable-looking visitor there. He introduced himself as the Assistant Commissioner of the sub-district that included Rabwah. I took him inside. He told me that he had never been to England. “Someone told me that a man lives here who had stayed in England for long, and this moved me to visit you and get some information about England”, he said. Subsequently every time the commissioner would come to Rabwah, he visited me at home. Once he brought his family along. Mr. Bajwa was the Director of (Ahmadiyya) Public Affairs (*Nazir Amur Aama*) in those days, and I kept him informed of these visits to avoid any misunderstanding. Mr. Bajwa himself had invited the commissioner to his place couple of times, and asked me to come along as well. The commissioner was impressed by Mr. Bajwa's personality and hospitality.

“(Then) In those days, there was suddenly a police raid on Mr. Bajwa's residence and he was arrested. The FIR had been registered in the name of the Assistant Commissioner. It was mentioned therein that forbidden literature had been recovered from Mr. Bajwa's home. This was a very unusual incident. Mr. Bajwa was not only the Director of Public Affairs, but also hailed from a noble land-owning family of Sargodha. He had a vast property and was a man of influence in the area. All his brothers held high posts in civil and military.

“The news of Mr. Bajwa's arrest spread like wild fire. All his friends were upset. I was very concerned that this man was behind bars on a false charge, who was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, who, as the eldest son, was a favorite of his parents, who after receiving high education had dedicated his life to the service of the community, and who had played a distinguished role for years in bringing good name to Islam and Pakistan in England. How was he spending his time in prison, how was he bearing up with the difficulties of lock-up, I wondered.

“Mr. Bajwa was released on bail after a while. He was given a great reception on return to Rabwah. The very next day, Mr. Bajwa came to my home. Over coffee, he described his experiences of incarceration. Before leaving he said, “Mr. Majoka, the Assistant Commissioner is a friend of both of us, but he is more intimate with you. Ask him sometimes as to why he had this fabricated case registered against me.” I agreed to meet the commissioner in the next day or two and find out the reality of the case.

“A few days later I called on the A.C. at his bungalow in Chiniot. He was sitting in his lawn in company. He stood up, received me, and having got me seated, asked his cronies to leave as he had important business with his visitor. After all had gone, he said to me, “Mr. Rafiq, I know the purpose of your visit, but before you say something please listen to me. One day, I received a written out FIR. It stated that I had raided Mr. Bajwa's house and recovered banned literature. I was astonished to read the FIR. I had carried out no raid, Mr. Bajwa was my mentor and friend, how could I lie so blatantly against him? So, I proceeded to see the Commissioner, Jhang. The Commissioner told me that those orders had come from high authorities so I had to sign the FIR and arrest Mr. Bajwa or consider myself fired. That

made me think. I was at a loss. Eventually I decided that I had to save my job even at the cost of a good friend. So I signed the FIR and arrested Mr. Bajwa the next day.” Having said that Mr. Majoka said, “Mr Rafiq, since that day, ashamed, I had not the courage to visit Rabwah. I am very ashamed from Mr. Bajwa. Please ask him to forgive me. I decided to violate my conscience only to save my job”.

“I took leave and told the whole story to Mr. Bajwa.”

## **From the media**

### **Two Ahmadis among eight gunned down (in Karachi)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 24, 2012*

### **Target attack leaves one Ahmadi dead**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 20, 2012*

### **Qadiani accepts Islam**

*The daily Jang; Lahore, October 22, 2012*

### **Ahmadis barred from offering Eid prayer (in Rawalpindi)**

*The daily The Nation; Lahore, October 30, 2012*

### **The Commission (HRCP) reaffirmed its demand for an end to the discrimination against the Ahmadis and to ensure the inclusion of their names in the voters' list.**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 8, 2012*

### **Qadianis be fired from key posts. Anti-blasphemy legislation should be undertaken: Tahrik Khatme Nabuwat conference**

*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, October 1, 2012*

### **A military operation is called for in Chenab Nagar: Khatme Nabuwat Conference**

*The daily Waqt; Lahore, October 5, 2012*

### **Chenab Nagar, Khatme Nabuwat conference: The town is decorated with banners.**

*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, October 2, 2012*

### **Chenab Nagar: Broken roads, heaps of filth; people upset; citizens sick due to pollution; sanitation staff inactive; senior officials should take notice.**

*The daily Nawa-e-Waqt; Lahore, October 1, 2012*

### **Chenab Nagar: Encroachments abound; roads blocked; walking becomes difficult in the bazaar.**

*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, October 9, 2012*

### **Chenab Nagar: Unscheduled (electric) load-shedding has crippled economic life**

*The daily Aman; Faisalabad, October 15, 2012*

### **Mirzais are the worst enemies of Islam: Usman Qadri (ST)**

*The daily Jinnah; Lahore, October 8, 2012*

### **We'll have to unite to exterminate Ahmadis: Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat conference**

*The daily Waqt; Lahore, October 24, 2012*

### **Blasphemous film is joint effort of Jews, Hindus and Qadianis: Rana Abdul Jabbar of Minhaj ul Quran, Dajkot**

*The daily Aman; Faisalabad, October 2, 2012*

### **Thousands of participants in Aalami Tajdar Khatme Nabuwat Rally take oath to sacrifice their lives for the honour of Prophethood (in Lahore)**

*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, October 1, 2012*

### **The rulers should terminate relations with the US and put a stop to apostatizing activities of Qadianis: Khatme Nabuwat conference**

*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, October 6, 2012*

### **Qadiani hand behind anti-Pakistan conspiracies: Mian Idrees**

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, October 19, 2012*

### **Khatme Nabuwat moot tomorrow (in District TT Singh)**

*The daily The News; Lahore, October 17, 2012*

**14 years old activist shot and critically wounded (in Swat)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 10, 2012*

**Attack on Malala is US conspiracy: Hafiz Saeed**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 13, 2012*

**Attack on Malala is an excuse for ‘operation’ in North Waziristan: Farid Piracha (of JI)**

*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, October 14, 2012*

**Fazl says anger over Malala overshadows Aafia’s plight**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 21, 2012*

**Malala story designed to promote American interests: Rab Nawaz Advocate (of Khatme Nabuwwat Movement)**

*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, October 17, 2012*

**Militants behead SP, kill five other security men**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 16, 2012*

**Blast leaves 16 dead in Darra Adamkhel**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 14, 2012*

**Blasphemous film: Long march by DPC in Peshawar. Rallies were taken out by Aalami Tanzeem Ahle Sunnat and Idara Sirat Mustaqim. Samiul Haq, Hafiz Saeed, Munawar Hassan, M. Ahmad Luddhianwi, Hamid Gul and others led the rallies.**

*The daily Nawa-e-Waqt; Lahore, October 2, 2012*

**Jamaat-ut-Dawa’s march against the blasphemous film**

*The daily Al-Sharaq; Lahore, October 1, 2012*

**Religious parties demand expulsion of US diplomats**

*The daily The Nation; Lahore, October 3, 2012*

**Those who call Malala ‘symbol of education’ (Ilm ki alamat) are also guilty: Qazi Hussain (Ahmad of JI)**

*The daily Jang; Lahore, October 12, 2012*

**(The daily) Ausaf is a drawn sword against Qadianis: Leaders of Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat and Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat**

*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, October 4, 2012*

**Altaf (of MQM) pledges support to army if it acts to wipe out terrorists**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 15, 2012*

**With counter-arguments, MQM chief strips extremists of rhetoric**

**If liberal people don’t stand up now, the Taliban will enter your homes, Altaf says.**

**“I want a Pakistan where all the Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, Parsis, Dawoodi Bohras, Khojas, Ahmadis and others following other religions feel 100 per cent safe.”**

In a speech at a seminar organized by the party on Wednesday, Altaf asked whether the people of Pakistan wanted to “live with dignity and respect” or “surrender to extremists and the Taliban?”

“If you act cowardly, then a time will come that they will enter your houses, molest and kill mothers and sisters and kill innocent people in the name of Allah and the Prophet (peace be upon him),” he said.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/443115/with-counter-arguments-mqm-chief-strips-extremists-of-rhetoric/>

**Removed from ‘hit list’: Bounty earns (federal minister) Bilour ‘forgiveness’ from Taliban**

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/443195/removed-from-hit-list-bounty-earns-bilour-forgiveness-from-taliban/>

**Raja urges UN to make law against hate-mongers**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 22, 2012*

**We are ready to chop off the necks of blasphemers: Defence of Pakistan, Samiul Haq, Hafiz Saeed address**

*The daily Waqt; Lahore, October 2, 2012*

**Monster storm lashes US East Coast**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 30, 2012*

**Rioters torch Buddhist temples in Bangladesh**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 1, 2012*

**Angelina Jolie and Tina Brown launch a Women of Impact Award in honour of Malala, for Girls Education**

*<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/11/09/a-day-for-malala.html>*

**The US sponsors suicide attacks in its own interest: Hamid Saeed Kazmi**

*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, October 9, 2012*

**Switzerland: Bill in favour of Hijab passed. No restrictions on Muslim women wearing Hijab in public.**

*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, October 1, 2012*

**We are under threat not from Taliban, but from politicians like Fazlur Rahman. Imran Khan**

*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, October 7, 2012*

**(Generals) Beg, Durrani face legal action**

**SC issues short order on Asghar Khan's petition. Army asked to stop interfering in politics. 1990 elections were rigged.**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 20, 2012*

**Khar (in Geneva) paints rosy picture of human rights in Pakistan**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 31, 2012*

**Civil Society 'disappointed' on state of human rights**

KARACHI - The civil society of Pakistan on Friday expressed disappointment on the government's version of the state of human rights in Pakistan, submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

*The daily The Nation; Lahore, October 20, 2012*

**Fazl announces the revival of MMA**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 19, 2012*

**Tighten the security of minorities' places of worship: IG Punjab**

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, October 7, 2012*

**Prosecution witnesses backtrack (in Blasphemy case against cleric)**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 2, 2012*

**Op-ed: Address our minorities' concerns**

The Pakistani diaspora is usually at the forefront of expressing disgruntlement when it comes to complaining about Islamophobia abroad. Yet, as a nation, we continue to treat minorities within Pakistan itself abhorrently.

Although no fan of index-based rankings, it was nonetheless disgruntling to see Pakistan listed as the sixth most dangerous country in the world for minorities, based on the Peoples Under Threat index for 2011.

*The daily The Express tribune; October 15, 2012*

**Report: Religious bias, suppression jeopardize citizen's rights**

Lahore, October 7: The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) says the citizens' right to life and freedom to practice their religious belief is in jeopardy because of growing religious intolerance and enforced disappearances and detentions, especially in Balochistan

and Khyber Pakhtun Khwa....

The Commission reaffirmed its demand for an end to the discrimination against the Ahmadis and to ensure the inclusion of their names in the joint voters' list.

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 8, 2012*

<http://dawn.com/2012/10/08/religious-bias-suppression-jeopardise-citizens-rights/>

**Op-ed: The 1974 NA proceedings on the Ahmadis**

... Consider the role of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in 1974 when it declared Ahmadis to be out of the fold of Islam, which has since created sectarian monsters in Pakistan of which there seems to be no solution any more. The in-camera proceedings of the National Assembly – especially the cross examination of the two Ahmadi delegations, one from the Qadiani Jamaat and the other from Lahori Jamaat – are now common knowledge, thanks to a public interest writ petition No. 7283/2010 by one Bashir Ahmad Khan adjudicated by his Lordship, Ijaz Chaudhry, then of the Lahore High Court. This report is an eye-opener as to how far the 'liberal' PPP went in its efforts to declare an entire community out of the pale of Islam.

*The Daily Times, the Site Edition; October 22, 2012*

**Op-ed: Persecution and false piety**

Twenty years after the publication of the scholarly Munir Report, Ahmadis were excommunicated from Islam through the Second Amendment to the Constitution shepherded by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's PPP government. Despite its secular pretensions, the party wears religion on its shirt sleeves. On August 25, former Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani bragged after attending the Khatm-e-Nabuwat Conference in Golra that in 1974 the PPP had accomplished the mission of Pir Mehar Ali Shah, the patron saint of Golra, by declaring Ahmadis as non-Muslims.

Thus bigotry is not the exclusive preserve of the clerics. Secular leaders, whether civilian or military, have, without exception, worn the mask of false piety for no higher motive than pursuit of power.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-9-132254-Persecution-and-false-piety>

**Op-ed: Towards Hotel Mohenjodaro**

The miscreants who attacked a Hindu temple in Karachi to prove their religious bona fides have been charged under Section 295-A of the Pakistan Penal Code. It is about time. Now let us also consider the state of that forced minority the faithful love to hate, i.e. the Ahmedis. Who is going to bell the cat and charge the passport offices of the country under Section 295-A for routinely abusing this community?

[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2012%5C10%5C08%5Cstory\\_8-10-2012\\_pg3\\_6](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2012%5C10%5C08%5Cstory_8-10-2012_pg3_6)

**Annexes**

- I. AHRC Report: PAKISTAN: No legitimacy to be at the UN with Ahmadis disenfranchised
- II. Photo of an anti-Ahmadiyya banner displayed in Sargodha bazaar



## **PAKISTAN: No legitimacy to be at the UN with Ahmadis disfranchised**

<http://www.humanrights.asia/news/ahrc-news/AHRC-STM-202-2012>

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The Ahmadis, a sect that believes in Islam and claims to be an ardent follower of it, has been declared as non-Muslim under the Pakistani legislation. Evidently, the Government of Pakistan has not only confiscated their freedom to faith, belief and practice, but also proactively victimises them socially, economically and educationally.

The declaration goes against the very fundamental tenets of democracy which accords all the citizens of the country their fundamental rights and freedom, of which freedom to faith is an integral part. It is to this effect that the United Nations has provided a declaration on human rights and there are international civil rights which provide the basic traits of a Democracy. Pakistan had proclaimed to be a democracy four years ago and it was in this context that everyone hoped that its government will soon fulfill all criteria essential for being recognized as a democratic State.

However, even today, there is a substantive portion of the citizenry of Pakistan who have been deprived of their voting rights and there are many others who can only vote as members of minority groups and use their vote strictly within their own minority.

Ahmadis are one such group which is denied their right to vote; they cannot register as a voter in Pakistan. It is a most shameful and horrifying fact that all Muslims in Pakistan in order to get their I.D cards which are essential for registering as a voter, have to make a mandatory declaration pronouncing the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Community as an imposter and a liar. No civil society in the modern times can tolerate such arrogance of a country towards its own nationals.

Pakistan has been a member of the UN Human Rights Council despite the fact that it has totally failed in fulfilling its responsibilities and obligations entrusted to it. It may once again be aspiring to become a member of the Human Rights Council but the world must know that a country which has shown little respect for the Human Rights Charter and which is openly discriminating against, abusing and victimising a peace-loving, law abiding Community should never even be considered for such an honor.

The UN Human Rights Council members during the upcoming UPR must pressurise and question Pakistan on its gross failures as a Democracy and censure Pakistan for the way it is treating and depriving the Ahmadis in every sphere of life. It is only then that Pakistan can face the world and claim itself to be a member of the World Democracies.



Photo of a bazaar in Sargodha where an anti-Ahmadiyya banner stayed on display during the Eid festival