

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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Unbelievable: Ahmadis in Rawalpindi deprived of their right to congregate for Eid prayers

Rawalpindi; August 20, 2012: At the end of Ramadan all Muslims celebrate the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr. An essential feature of this celebration is the Eid prayers wherein all men, women and children of the entire local community congregate to worship and listen to a *Khutba* (sermon). This year the authorities in Rawalpindi disallowed this right of worship to Ahmadis – another first ever in a long list of different kinds of religious and social brutalities committed by the authorities since the promulgation of the anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX of 1984 by General Zia. Ahmadiyya central office in Rabwah issued the following press release at this occasion:

Rabwah(PR): This year on 20 August 2012 Ahmadis in Rawalpindi had nowhere to offer their Eid prayers as they were deprived from this right by the district authorities. There has been false propaganda and baseless accusations about the place of worship and its locality. As a result the Ahmadis were deprived from their fundamental right to worship at the premises.

The sad part of this whole episode is that the local administration seems to be only concerned about the demands of miscreants. The authorities always pressurize Ahmadis to compromise rather than allowing them to perform their religious duties that are guaranteed by the constitution and the international conventions that Pakistan has signed.

The spokesperson of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan Saleem-ud-Din said that the government and local administration has violated the article 20 of constitution of Pakistan after stopping Ahmadis from congregating for Eid prayers. The article 20 ensures every citizen of its right to freely perform its religious duties.

Mr. Saleem-ud-Din said that Ahmadis would never compromise or accept any pressure on their fundamental right to worship. This is not only a denial of religious freedom but also depriving the Ahmadis of an annual ritual where worship goes with social activity. Eid is a religious event but it also has a huge social impact that brings people closer together and the authorities have deprived them of their right to peacefully gather on this annual event.

From last many years Ahmadis have been gathering at Ewan-e-Tawheed for worship on Juma and Eid plus regular prayers but now they have been forcefully stopped against their will. This year till the last minute the local authorities gave false hopes to Ahmadis that they could congregate and gather for Eid worship. This was not meant to materialize as at the eleventh hour local Ahmadiyya administration was informed that they cannot gather for Eid. This left the local Ahmadis with no choice and no hope for a gathering fitting for an Eid and leaving them disheartened and marginalized.

The larger question arises from this whole scenario is that how far this government and its cronies at the district level are going to go in order to appease the miscreants who seem to have an endless list of demands?

End of Press Release

It is relevant to mention that the responsibility for this outrage primarily goes to the government of the Punjab, led by Mian Shahbaz Sharif of PML (N). The regional and district

authorities share the blame. Although the province of the Punjab has recently led the rest of Pakistan in committing excesses and tyranny against the Ahmadis, the overall score against Ahmadiyya places of worship in Pakistan should put the entire country to shame. Since the promulgation of the Ordinance XX, following had happened till the end of 2011 in this field:

Number of Ahmadiyya mosques demolished	23
Number of Ahmadiyya mosques set on fire	12
Number of Ahmadiyya mosques forcibly occupied	16
Number of Ahmadiyya mosques sealed by authorities	28
Number of Ahmadiyya mosques construction of which was barred by the authorities	42

The authorities occasionally quote the lame and unarguable pretext of the extremist elements that Ahmadi places of worship lack proper authorization. The fact remains that for the last 28 years the authorities have not given express permission to Ahmadis to build even one place of worship. It is relevant to mention that while the authorities rely on their own strict interpretation of the rules while imposing them on the right of worship of Ahmadis, the same authorities allowed the clerics of the Lal Masjid of Islamabad to hoard piles of ammunition and fire-arms in their place of worship. This hypocrisy is perhaps the root cause of the rot in the state of Pakistan.

Police atrocity in Sindh

Khoski; District Badin: The police booked and arrested Mr. Noman Ahmad, Ahmadi, unjustly on demand of a mulla, in a fabricated case. They detained his father too but set him free subsequently.

An absentee house-owner had given the keys of his local house to Mr. Noman Ahmad and had told him to give it on rent to some suitable family. A non-Ahmadi family, without contacting Mr. Ahmad, entered the house after breaking the lock. Mr. Ahmad went to the location and protested to the occupants.

The occupant made a false report to the police that Mr. Ahmad had attempted to snatch the gold ornaments of his wife and had an altercation with them. The complainant added the name of Mr. Ahmad's brother, Mr. Mudassar to the list of accused. The police accordingly arrived and detained Mr. Ahmad. The neighbors protested over the arrest and told the police that Mr. Ahmad had lived there for years, was a respected fellow and enjoyed good reputation.

The complainant contacted the local mulla, Abdullah Sindhi, and took him on board. The mulla organized a protest and procession after the sunset prayer and led the crowd to the police station. There, he demanded that until the arrest of Mudassar, his father Imtiaz Ahmad should be detained. The police obligingly did what the mulla told them. The mulla arranged anti-Ahmadi wall-chalking in the neighbourhood the same evening.

The police registered a case the next day against the two brothers. They let go their father. On August 7, Mr. Noman Ahmad applied for release on bail, however it could not be processed, and he was moved to the central prison in Badin. His brother, Mudassar Ahmad, who was out of town succeeded in arranging a bail before arrest for himself. The sectarian situation in the neighborhood continues to be tense. The mulla is in the driving seat – thanks to the police.

Police remove religious inscriptions from Ahmadis' graves

Mangat Ucha, District Hafiz Abad; August 17, 2012: A police inspector came to visit the Ahmadiyya graveyard and asked Ahmadis as to why they did not remove the Islamic inscriptions from the gravestones? Ahmadis told him that they would neither remove them nor would allow any non-official to do that, they would however not resist the police doing

that sacrilege in uniform. The inspector came at 6 p.m. with some constables in trail and covered the inscriptions with black paint.

The daily The Express Tribune published this story on August 18, 2012, (some extracts):

“Faisalabad: A heavy contingent on Friday, on the demand of a banned organization, removed Quranic verses and religious texts written on tombstones of Ahamdi graves to save the area from clashes on religious grounds.

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Calling it a positive achievement, the SHO claimed that no case had been filed against the act as it was meant to save the locality from clashes.

Secretary Amoor-e-Aama (Public Affairs), Jamaat Ahmadiyya Faisalabad, Syed Mahmood Ahmad Shah, however, criticized the action and said that the persecution of Ahmadis was wrong and may lead to increased hatred between the two communities.

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There are about 150 Ahmadi graves located in the graveyard while about 35 graves of Muslims are also found there.”

The BBC Urdu spread the story on August 19, 2012. It included the version attributed to the police that Ahmadis had themselves painted the inscriptions white and had informed the police. This was a lie. Ahmadis would never defile pious inscriptions. The BBC report also mentions that earlier the town administration and the police jointly demolished the minarets of an Ahmadiyya mosque in Kharian, Punjab.

Worship denied

Bhiki, District Sheikhpura; July 27, 2012: Mr. Mamoor Ahmad, Ahmadi was about to go home after the Friday prayers when a non-Ahmadi youth Akmal stopped him. The two had an argument, but the other Ahmadis standing nearby diffused the situation. Akmal went home and came back with a gun. He fired several shots in the air in front of the Ahmadiyya place of worship and used bad language. An Ahmadi community official contacted the District Police Officer who sent the SHO to inquire. He diffused the situation and told the parties to report to the police station at 6 p.m.

The Ahmadiyya delegation reached the police station on time. The SHO showed them a copy of the relevant stamp paper which mentioned that this plot was sold for residential purpose. The SHO told Ahmadis to seek permission from the District Coordination Officer if they want to offer their Friday prayers therein and have it registered as a place of worship. This is a tall order; it is rare that Ahmadis are officially facilitated to worship in congregation.

Akmal distributed anti-Ahmadiyya stickers and literature in the village. The DPO has constituted a committee of five members to resolve this matter. The situation is quite tense. The opponents have demanded that an FIR should be registered against the president of the local Ahmadiyya community.

Ahmadiyya mosques continue to be targeted

Wah Cantt, District Rawalpindi; July, 2012: The Ahmadiyya community in Wah Cantt made some essential repairs to the niche of their mosque. Their opponents found therein an opportunity to make mischief. They lodged a complaint against Ahmadis with the highest official in Wah. The town administration contacted the Ahmadiyya community and accused them of unlawful construction. Ahmadis had to defend themselves and explained that the mosque was built in accordance with the plan approved by the authorities in 1970, and now they had not built anything new, but only made some necessary repairs. Ahmadis showed the original plan of the mosque to the officials. Apparently the matter has cooled

down for the time being.

A Khatme Nabuwwat mulla is appointed Coordinator (Advisor) by the PML government in Punjab Faisalabad: The daily Aman, Faisalabad published a big ad on August 8, 2012 by a self-proclaimed social and political leader Mahmud Ejaz, congratulating Sahibzadah Zahid Mahmud Qasmi, secretary general of the International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement, Pakistan on his appointment as Coordinator (Advisor) of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Punjab. This post is equivalent to that of a provincial minister. This calls for a comment, as the sole aim of a Khatme Nabuwwat organization in Pakistan is to wipe out Ahmadiyyat.

This mulla is a general secretary of the International Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood) Movement that was led in the past by mulla Manzoor Chinioti who is remembered for his statement: "If two fish indulge in a fight at the bottom of the sea, there must be a Qadiani hand in it." Chinioti accused the Ahmadi Khalifatul Masih IV of the murder of mulla Aslam Qureshi after the latter's disappearance. Chinioti offered that he should be hanged in a square if that was found to be untrue. A few years later Qureshi turned up from his self-imposed exile in Iran. Manzoor Chinioti did not know where to hide. After his death, his son mulla Ilyas Chinioti, a member of JUI assumed the leadership of this Khatme Nabuwwat Movement.

Mulla Ilyas Chinioti switched over to PML(N) after 2008 elections in which he was elected as an MPA. Obviously, in the Punjab, it was more profitable to be in the PML (N) than in JUI. Thereafter he indulged in power politics and scandalous deals as an MPA of the ruling party. The daily Jinnah printed a story with the following headlines on July 23, 2010:

Lahore High Court orders 6848 Kanals of Chiniot land not to be leased (to anyone) but should be used for tree plantation by the Forest Department.

MPA Maulana Ilyas Chinioti had recommended to the DCO to lease this land to his father-in-law , brother-in-law (*hamzulf*) and personal servant.

The daily Khabrain reported Ilyas Chinioti's statement recently on July 3, 2012:

The US aims at civil war in Pakistan through getting the Qadianis declared as Muslims.

Maulana Ilyas Chinioti, the Amir of International Khatme Nabuwwat has stated that Qadianis are agents of the US and the UK; and they work to promote the interest of these powers.

Mulla Qasimi the general secretary of this Deobandi organization tries to excel the absurdities of his Amir. He was quoted by the daily Nawa-i-Waqt on April 21, 2012 as:

"There are hidden hands in the organized conspiracy whereby electric outages are inflicted (on people) at the prayer-times, particularly the Friday prayers. The Jews, Hindus and Qadianis are involved in this. He stated that important decisions will be made in the leaders' meeting of the Pakistan Defense Council (Difae Pakistan Council)."

It is noteworthy that the PML (N) selected this sectarian mulla to be their Advisor on Religious Affairs. In February this year the Mutahidda Ulema Board, a provincial body in the field of religious

affairs, contrived a ban on the monthly Misbah, the Ahmadi women's magazine and the Ahmadiyya daily Alfazl. However, PML(N) has a different face for the media and the outside world, as the daily Dawn reported in a headline on May 5, 2011: **"CM (Punjab) wants genie of extremism bottled."**



Pious inscriptions removed from Ahmadiyya business location

Kot Abdul Malik; District Sheikhpura; August 4, 2012: Some Islamic inscriptions were written on the house and shop of Mr. Qamar-uz-Zia since 1980. Some youth came to his shop on August 4, 2012 and took photographs of those inscriptions. They told Mr. Zia to remove those otherwise they would have them removed through the police. Later, on August 14, 2012, the police arrived accompanied by a crowd of approximately 500 men. The police entered the premises, painted black the holy Islamic inscriptions and broke into pieces two tablets. The name of Mr. Zia's father, Muhammad Ali, was written on the name-plate of his house; the police broke into pieces the word, "Muhammad" from there. Had any non-Muslim done that, the whole country would have been put to torch by the frothing mullas.

Provocative and offensive literature

A few weeks ago, the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Kunjah in the Punjab published a calendar of Ramadan timings; it was funded by Ejaz Medical Store. Most of the space on the calendar was allocated to highly objectionable propaganda against Ahmadis. An edict on it described Ahmadis as 'Infidels in a state of war, and heretics (*Kafir maharib aur Zindique*)', implying that they must be killed.

The Director of Public Affairs of the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Rabwah sent a copy of this calendar with a covering letter to all the concerned federal and provincial authorities. Extracts:

The contents of this calendar provoke the public to extreme action against Ahmadis over baseless allegations. Publishing such provocative and hateful material has only one object – promotion of religion-based hatred and prejudice. This leads to aggression against Ahmadis and is the cause of murders and assaults on Ahmadis as well as registration of fabricated criminal cases against them.

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Although, all decent and sympathetic citizens view these provocative and hateful activities with disgust and condemn them, the miscreants undertake these activities deliberately and purposefully to undermine the security of the society in the name of religion. Print and electronic media put in their support to these negative aims.

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Since the promulgation of the anti-Ahmadi Ordinance of 1984, 218 Ahmadis have been killed by extremists, and hundred others have been subjected to assaults.

In these circumstances of hostile activism, the authorities are requested to take special notice and take appropriate action.

Copy of the calendar is placed as Annex.

Again, an anti-Ahmadi conference scheduled in Rabwah for September 7, 2012

Rabwah: As per newspaper reports, communalists have scheduled a conference in Rabwah on September 7. At such occasions the organizers and participants come from outside and pose a serious threat to the peace and law and order of this town. Following is noteworthy in this context:

1. These conferences promote nothing but hatred and communal discord.
2. Their primary object is provocation and aggression.
3. The participants are transported to Rabwah from other towns. Their expenses are paid, and they come for mischief and fun.
4. For the duration of the rally, the business and even private schools close down in Rabwah. Women are advised to stay at home.
5. The Ahmadi citizens have to remain on guard to defend themselves against any violence.

6. Participants take out processions, shout slogans, make offensive speeches and gestures in public. They roam into residential areas and make provocative visits to Ahmadiyya worship places.
7. The authorities shamelessly disallow Ahmadis to hold a conference in Rabwah, while they allow the outsiders to assemble in this town on questionable grounds.

The Director Public Affairs, Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Rabwah wrote a letter to all the relevant authorities conveying his serious objection and reservations on this scheduled event and urged them to disallow it. "God forbid, if an infelicitous incident happens on account of this rally, its responsibility will surely lie with its participants and the management. Last year too we made you a similar request to forestall the mischief of this event, but unfortunately nothing positive materialized," he wrote.

Ahmadi doctor under attack for ransom

Rawalpindi; August 2012: Dr Hamid Hasan S/o Maj. General Dr Mahmud ul Hasan recently faced threats and attacks, allegedly from Tehrik Taliban.

Someone, who stated his name as Latif Khan of Tehrik Taliban telephoned Dr Hasan from phone No.: 092-8310113 on August 24, 2012 and demanded Rs. 100 million. He gave the doctor 72 hours to pay cash or face attack on life. Dr Hasan called him back, talked to Latif Khan and told him that as a doctor he was serving mankind including those from Waziristan. Latif Khan granted him 24 hours extension in the time given for the ultimatum.

Dr Hasan informed the police and the agencies of the threat.

On August 29, at about 22:30 there was an explosion inside the main gate of the doctor's clinic. It was heard far and wide; the window panes of the clinic and the windshield of the car were smashed to bits. There was however no loss of life or injury.

The next day, the same man called from Miran Shah and said, "*We have reached you. Meet our demand. This is only the beginning. Wait for what unfolds for you. This incident is only a glimpse of what is in store for you.*"

Hostile activities in Lahore

Gulshan Ravi; July 31, 2012: Mr. Maqsood Ahmad, Ahmadi lives here. Some opponents of the Ahmadiyya community came on motorbikes to the house of Mr. Ahmad. They pasted an offensive sticker on the gate of his house, fired four or five revolver-shots in the air and departed. Mr. Ahmad came out of his house after their departure and recovered four empty bullet-shells from there.

Shalimar Town; July 29, 2012: Mr. Sardar Ali resides in Baghbanpura, Lahore and runs a medical store in Shalimar Town. A sub-inspector of police came to his shop on July 29, 2012 and searched his shop. He told Mr. Ali to report to the police station at 4 p.m. Mr. Ali went there with his son and younger brother. He was told that a mulla Hasan Muaawiya alias *Tuti* (brother of Hafiz Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi) had lodged a complaint against him that there were stickers of Quranic verses pasted in his shop in violation of the law. Mr. Ali had already removed those stickers from his shop. This settled the issue.

At 11 p.m. a mulla Saadul Abideen came to his shop again to re-check if all was to his satisfaction.

It is learnt that mullas are conducting reconnaissance of the Ahmadiyya businesses.

Wahdat Colony; July 2012: The situation is getting tense for Ahmadis in this area of the provincial capital. The opponents are constantly provoking the public against the Ahmadiyya community. They have formed an association in the area in league with PML (N). Mr. Abdul Waheed Sindhu, a staunch anti-Ahmadi, is its president. They have demanded that except for Ahmadis of Wahdat Colony, none else from other nearby localities may offer Friday prayers

in the local Ahmadiyya place of worship.

Civil Lines; July 20, 2012: Sheikh Anwarul Haq, Ahmadi is a resident of the Civil Lines and runs two shops, Fakhar Electronics and National Electronics on Link McLeod Rd. Three boys entered his shop on July 20, 2012 at 8 p.m. pretending to buy some electronic item. One of them hurriedly pasted an anti-Ahmadiyya hateful sticker on an electric oven on display, and the three fled thereafter on a motorbike. The sticker was published by an organization, “*Tanzeem Mirzai Mukao*” (Organization to Exterminate Ahmadis). The sticker carried a very hateful message against the leaders of the Ahmadiyya community.

Harassment of Ahmadi woman

Jhang; August 2012: Ms. Rozeena Zafar is the widow of Mr. Inamullah Khan (a retired judge). She is currently living with her old mother and young son in Satellite Town, Jhang. A madrassa Jamia Rizvia Madinatul Aloom Sheikhul Islam is located opposite to her house. The madrassa people are hostile to her and her family and speak insultingly against her and the Ahmadiyya community. This is a cause of great harassment to the vulnerable family. They threw dead animals next to her house. They tell her son to ‘convert to Islam’. She started a ‘parlor shop’ at her house to make a living but the madrassa people destroyed its signboard and damaged the floor at the main-gate. They threatened her of grave consequences if the shop was opened there.

Ms. Zafar is greatly disturbed at the hand of these bigots.

Anti-Ahmadiyya activities at other places

District Bahawalpur: Anti-Ahmadiyya activism is on the rise in this area for a long time now. Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat continues to distribute anti-Ahmadiyya literature. Recently this literature was distributed in schools and colleges in order to agitate the youth against the Ahmadiyya community. The titles of the pamphlets are: “A few questions to Qadianis by Maulvi Muhammad Yusuf Ludhianwi Shaheed”, “The identity of the latter-day Messiah by Maulvi Yusuf Ludhianwi Shaheed” and “Decide Yourself by Sahibzada Tariq Mahmood”.

Ahmadis feel threatened and have informed the authorities of this activity.

District Rahim Yar Khan; August 14, 2012: Mr. Sharif Ahmad Asgar, the local president of the Ahmadiyya community Sadiq Abad, was sitting with some of his non-Ahmadi friends when a man Nusrat Gul came there and started abusing and threatening him. He refrained from replying him in kind.

Orangi Town, Karachi; August 2012: It is learnt that after the target-killing of an Ahmadi, Mr. Naeem Ahmad Gondal on July 19, 2012 there, the situation there has turned worse for the Ahmadis. Ahmadis are harassed in several ways. A few days ago the window glasses of the local president’s car were smashed. Stones were pelted upon a few Ahmadis’ houses. They also harassed Ahmadi women. This intensity has become more noticeable after a recent rally attended by mulla Allah Wasaya.

Ahmadis have informed the authorities of the situation.

Khanewal, District Multan; August 2012: The situation for Ahmadis is getting tense here for sometime now. Opponents frequently indulge in provocation, taking out processions and distributing anti-Ahmadiyya pamphlets. Also, there are warnings of likely terrorist attacks here.

Kabir Wala, District Multan; August 2012: Pasbane Khatme Nabuwwat organization put up anti-Ahmadiyya banners in roundabouts and markets of Kabir Wala. The aim is to incite the public against Ahmadis.

Threats to Ahmadi families in District Mirpur Khas, Sindh

a: Mr. Ayatullah Panhoor and his family joined Ahmadiyyat in 2002. Recently their close relatives started pressing them to recant. On refusal, they visited them armed and conveyed life-threats. Mr. Panhoor had to shift to Kotri along with his mother and wife during dark hours. Mr. Panhoor's younger brother Mr. Zahid Panhoor owned a mobile shop; he closed it down and shifted to Mirpur Khas city. His relatives conveyed to him that they wouldn't allow him to do business even there.

b: Ms. Mudassara Kiran is an Ahmadi by-birth and married to Mr. Hadi Baksh who joined Ahmadiyyat eight years ago. She is a staff nurse in the local Civil Hospital. He is facing harassment at his work-place for sometimes. The mulla and some staff of the Civil Hospital accuse her of preaching Ahmadiyyat to other staff members. She wears *burqa* (Islamic clothing for veil) and recites Quranic verses. The opponents object to her following the Islamic practices. Her opponents came to her residence and urged her neighbors to expel her out of that area.

Ms. Kiran took long leave in order to stay clear of this mischief. But she was called on duty to the hospital for the visit of the Director on August 27, 2012. She reported to hospital for duty.

Mulla Ubaidullah along with some goons came inside the medical ward and pursued her. A hospital staff informed Ms. Kiran that a conspiracy was underway against her, and advised her to leave the place at the earliest. Ms. Kiran's husband Mr. Hadi Baksh came to the hospital to escort her. The mulla intercepted him and told him, *"You converted to Mirzaism for this woman. But do not worry, we are with you. Simply announce in the mosque that you are a Muslim and not a Mirzai, and we all will support you. If you do not do that, we have the arms to kill both of you."*

The couple could leave the place with great difficulty. It is apparently not possible for Ms. Kiran to continue with her job there in the face of such religious activism.

Scary threats

Mardan; August 2012: Mr. Muhammad Rafiq and Mr. Ataul Khabir, Ahmadi of Mardan escaped from attempts on their lives in 2011. They had to leave Mardan due to severe hostility. The police arrested the attackers but later released them for unknown reasons.

The police have information that sectarian militants are again actively searching for these two Ahmadi, and have advised them to be extra careful about their security.

Hattar, District Hazara; August 4, 2012: Mr. Abdul Mannan, Ahmadi received the following threat letter, (translation):

"Our Amir is displeased that your daughter goes to school. If she does not stop, you will not only lose her but also your son, so that would be the end of your progeny. It is your choice now. You will end up without honour, and without progeny."

Another life-threatening letter was received by two Ahmadi, Mr. Tasawwar Ahmad and Mr. Naeem Ahmad of Hattar Colony. It conveyed them:

"We are aware of the anti-Islam meetings held in your house. Stop these, otherwise we will exterminate your whole family."

The police have been informed of these threats.

Liaquat Road, District Sahiwal; August 2012: Mr. Majeed Ahmad Khan is facing religion-based hostility from his neighbor. Last year he beat up Mr. Khan and used foul language. Now again he came over, was harsh with him and read out to him from a booklet on Khatme Nabuwat. He tried his best to provoke Mr. Khan who kept his calm to avoid any escalation.

Anti-Ahmadiyya Friday sermons

Apparently there is a change in anti-Ahmadi rhetoric policy. In the past the mullas used to speak against Ahmadis in occasional rallies and conferences. Now, in addition, they speak on this subject in their Friday sermons as a matter of routine. The central Khatme Nabuwwat organization has been exhorting them to that for some time.

Shaukat Abad, District Sheikhupura; August 10, 2012: Qari Asrar of Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat mosque delivered a hostile Friday sermon on August 10, 2012. His sermon was full of hatred against Ahmadis. He incited the audience against Ahmadis whom he called traitors, and declared them *wajibul qatl* (must be killed).

Chak no. 646 GB, District Faisalabad; August 17, 2012: A mulla came over from Jaranwala and delivered a Friday sermon in the local mosque of Ahle-Sunnat. He used obscene language against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community and urged the worshipers to implement a social boycott against Ahmadis. He urged them to have an FIR registered if Ahmadis act like Muslims. He told them to rise in Jihad against Ahmadis as they were *wajibul qatl* (must be killed). Anti-Ahmadi pamphlets and stickers were also distributed among people after the Friday prayers.

District Gujranwala; August 17, 2012: A mulla delivered anti-Ahmadiyya Friday sermon in Kachi Pumpwali. He tried his best to incite the public against Ahmadis. He used hateful language against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community and misquoted him to arouse his audience.

Anti-Ahmadiyya organizations became very active in Alipur Chatha area during the holy month of Ramzan. They pasted a hostile sticker at the main-gate of the Ahmadiyya place of worship. Some miscreants poured a chemical in the lock of the main-gate of the Ahmadiyya mosque so that it would not open. A political group is supporting these miscreants. They move around the Ahmadiyya place of worship during prayer-times and disturb the peace of the worshipers.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conferences

Chak no. 10/3-L, Ahmad Pur Sial, District Jhang; July 2, 2012: Opponents of the Ahmadiyya community announced a major conference here, and invited participants from all around. The response, however, was poor. The speakers incited the participants against the Ahmadis, as a result of which some people stopped dealing with them. The mullas used very bad words against Ahmadi leaders.

The agitators enjoyed the support and encouragement of local revenue officials.

Sialkot; August 12, 2012: Some mullas gathered near the houses of Ahmadis in Muhallah Ram Garh in Mahr Town, installed a tent, gathered a few people and started an anti-Ahmadiyya rally at 4 p.m. They spoke venomously against the Ahmadiyya community and leveled baseless allegations. They declared that one who works against Ahmadis is rewarded with the pleasure of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). They also declared that those who befriend Ahmadis are rebels of Islam. The police arrived at about 6 p.m. and stopped the mullas from hateful speeches. At this the mullas started speaking on merits of Islam and Ramadan, and terminated the rally before *Aftar*.

An interesting story that exposes the state of Pakistani clerics, journalists and others

Lahore; August 25 and 26, 2012: This story comprises two news reports published in the daily Mashriq, Lahore on August 25 and then on August 26 on an event in which Ahmadis were mentioned. First the two-column news on August 25, 2012: (translation)

“Chicha Watni: Qadiani thugs (gundey) rough up religious scholar; shave off his beard. Religious groups protest against the police for not registering an FIR on complainant’s report.

Chicha Watni: (Mashriq correspondent) Four Qadiani bullies accompanied by their mates roughed up a religious scholar, cropped his beard and attempted to set him on fire after pouring diesel over him. Religious associations protested vehemently after the Friday prayers in the Jame Mosque in Block 12, against the police for failing to register an FIR based on the statement of the complainant. Condemnation resolutions were moved and carried in all the city mosques. As per details, Maulvi Mohammad Sharif son of Muhammad Ali, resident of a nearby village 9/11-L was near the Babari Masjid on his way to meet his nephew, Saifulla Khan, when Qadri Naseer S/o Shafi Sara, Ashraf S/o Naseer Sara, Nomi S/o Naseer Sara and Basharat Mirzai, residents of 181/9-L and Nawaz Barain resident 9/11-L etc. all armed encircled him, subjected him to torture, cropped his beard with a dagger and attempted to set him on fire alive after soaking him with diesel. Hearing his shrieks and pleas, some people assembled on the spot and succeeded in saving his life by mercy appeals to the accused. Maulvi Muhammad Sharif was taken to Sub Division Hospital in an injured state.

Chicha Watni: On hearing the news, leaders of JUI, Majlis Ahrar Islam and Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat, namely Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema, Pirji Aziz ur Rehman, Hafiz Habibullah Gujjar, Intizar Ahmad Bhatti, Qari Muhammad Naeem, Hafiz Hafeezullah Gujjar and a large number of religious activists visited the hospital."

Ahmadi readers of the Mashriq were very upset and perturbed over this report of the alleged misconduct of some Ahmadis. Ahmadi families who live in Chicha Watni and in that area felt greatly concerned over their own security after this very damaging press report.

The same newspaper brought great relief to Ahmadis the next day, when the authenticity of the first report and the involvement of 'Qadianis' was denied altogether, (translation):

The complainant fabricated the story of cropping his beard in order to spread unrest: Naseer Ahmad

We are Muslims and believe the Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him, as the last prophet: Big press conference

Chicha Watni: (Mashriq correspondent) Local landlord Naseer Ahmad stated that they are Muslims, believe Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to be the last prophet and consider every Qadiani to be *kafir*, outside the pale of Islam. The complainant has played a drama to have a criminal case registered against us over false and baseless accusation of cropping his beard. He said this while addressing a well-attended press conference at the Chicha Watni Press Club. He was accompanied by his two sons, Muhamamd Ashraf and Nomi...

For Ahmadis, life is precarious in Pakistan; they do not know what is in store for them the next day, with such mullas and irresponsible press-correspondents around.

Do Ahmadis deserve to live in Pakistan?

Opinion: By Yasser Latif Hamadani

Lahore: The Friday Times of Lahore published on August 31, 2012 an op-ed by Yasser Latif Hamadani which frankly posed the question that is often implied in Pakistan's treatment of its Ahmadi citizens, but is rarely put in as many words.

Although this op-ed makes its point lucidly and effectively, if read in totality, (website: www.thefridaytimes.com) the space does not allow us full coverage; hence only a few extracts here:

Do Ahmadis deserve to live in Pakistan?

On 25 August, 2012 former prime minister Yousaf Raza Gilani attended the Khatm-e-Nabuwat Conference in Golra in Islamabad. Talking to reporters after the conference, the former prime minister said the mission of Pir Mehar Ali Shah, the patron saint of Golra, came to its fruition in 1974. It was a reference to the excommunication of Ahmadis by the Parliament. The community was declared non-Muslim through a constitutional amendment by the Pakistan People's Party government in 1974.

The PPP views the amendment as a feather in its cap and many of its first rank leaders are known to proudly state that their party did Islam a favour.

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Ahmadi places of worship are routinely ransacked and vandalized not just by agitators but by the police and state law enforcement agencies as in the case of an Ahmadi place of worship in Kharian last month.

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Leaders of the Anti-Ahmaddiya Movement openly state that Ahmadis do not deserve to live. One prominent activist of the Khatm-e-Nabuwwat Lawyers Forum told this writer that "by the grace of God, Mirzais had been reduced to the level of chooras (... sweepers) and soon they will be cleaned up altogether."

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Inconvenient facts such as that the author of the Lahore Resolution was an Ahmadi or that Pakistan's only Nobel laureate is an Ahmadi are swept under the carpet. Last month when the world celebrated the discovery of the Higgs Boson particle at CERN - in large part due to the standard model formulation of Ahmadi Nobel laureate Dr Abdus Salam - Pakistan was completely silent.

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The growing violence and hate against Ahmadis along with the general decline of the Pakistani state is creating a situation very similar to Germany between the two World Wars of the last century, and many fear a brutal extermination of this community from Pakistan.

Absurd, dangerous interview

Lahore: The daily The Express Tribune published an op-ed by the renowned columnist Kamran Shafi under the above title in its issue of August 30, 2012. Its extracts relevant to Ahmadis deserve to be placed here for information and record.

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By Kamran Shafi

Published: August 30, 2012

The last 15 days saw three quite ludicrous, dangerous interviews aired on our TV channels, two of them on fake, 'Dr' Amir Liaquat's show, one with Imran Khan and the other with the so-called only-father-of-our-bums Dr AQ Khan. The third was on ARY in which Kashif Abbasi interviewed General Hamid Gul, self-same Imran Khan's mentor and guide.

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But back to the 'Dr', who is that same person after whose programme, "Aalim Online", two innocent Pakistanis were killed in Sindh. Dr. Abdul Mannan Siddiqui in Mirpurkhas on September 8, 2008 and on September 9, Seth Yousuf in Nawabshah.

Now this is the person on whose programme Imran Khan not only appeared but on which Dr Alvi issued a clarion call to the quite hateful Dr Amir Liaquat to join the PTI. I have to add that Imran Khan immediately echoed Alvi and also invited the man to join. Oh well.

On August 14, 2012, Dr AQ Khan, who exposed Pakistan to the opprobrium of the world by admitting on television that he was responsible for peddling nuclear know-how to several countries and who just very recently also accused a former Chief of Army Staff and another general of accepting bribes from North Korea through himself, also appeared on the 'Dr's show.

Let us leave his other rambling aside about how there were saints in his hometown, Bhopal, who could transport a person to Madina and then bring him right back to Bhopal after he had said his prayers by merely placing their hands on the person's shoulder. Let us straightaway go to his peddling

hate. Dr AQ also told us that Bhopal was famous for two other attributes. That it neither produced any traitors nor any Ahmadi. I ask you. And this on August 14!

If this is not hate speech that could also be used by the crazies to do harm to Ahmadi Pakistanis, what is? The Supreme Court has taken it upon itself to determine what is, and what is not vulgarity on television. Is this hate speech of AQ Khan's not height of vulgarity. My Lords? Is his going public against a community that has done so much for Pakistan, who are proud Pakistanis albeit a minority, not utter vulgarity and worse? Even offensiveness and impropriety which are also other meaning of the word? Will you take *suo motu* action on this My Lords?

From the media

Disallowing Ahmadis to offer Eid prayers is violation of human rights

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 23, 2012

Police remove Quranic verses from Ahmadi graves to 'avert clashes'

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, August 18, 2012

'Persecution': Ahmadi jeweler accused of posing himself as Muslim.

Ashraf has been released on bail after imprisonment of eight days.

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, August 11, 2012

Aalami Khatme Nabuwat Conference to be held in Chenab Nagar on September 7

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, August 24, 2012

Murder of Muslims in Burma is a Qadiani conspiracy

The daily Al-Sharaq; Lahore, August 9, 2012

19 pulled out of buses, shot dead in sectarian attack (near Gilgit)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 17, 2012

11 killed in wave of sectarian violence

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, August 19, 2012

Terrorists attack Kamra air base

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 17, 2012

Nine troops, six militants killed in S. Waziristan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 30, 2012

Session Judge, driver and guard killed in Quetta

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, August 31, 2012

Terrorists destroyed 500 educational institutions in FATA in five year

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 23, 2012

Militants release video of (12) beheaded soldiers

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 01, 2012

11-year-old mentally challenged Christian girl jailed for blasphemy

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, August 19, 2012

HRCP concerned at minorities' migration

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2012

Five army officers jailed for militant links

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 4, 2012

Backlash fear prompts Christian families to flee

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, August 20, 2012

Shia leader lashes out at apex court

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 01, 2012

Bomb rocks Peshawar market; 11 die

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 01, 2012

Pakistan is heading towards sectarian violence. Murder of persons of a particular sect is cause for concern. Ban Ki Moon

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 19, 2012

Amnesty urges Pakistan to reform blasphemy laws

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, August 23, 2012

German court permits blasphemous sketches. Strong protest by Muslim Community against decision.

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, August 19, 2012

China: Ban on Muslim fasting in Sinkiang

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, August 10, 2012

Mosque burnt down in US

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 7, 2012

US condemns France and Belgium over restrictions on veil

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 3, 2012

Nawaz Sharif guilty of corruption of \$417 million and bank default of Rs 6 billion: Imran Khan

Where the billions came from for Fair Apartments? Accounts were frozen at the occasion of nuclear tests; Mian brothers transferred their money overnight.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 4, 2012

Imran Khan should render account of his money. He acquired properties at home and abroad, stole tax money, built a house worth millions and failed to mention it in tax return. I challenge him to take me to court:

Ch. Nisar (PML-N)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 3, 2012

Apex court scraps contempt law

Coalition parties send defiant message to Judiciary

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 4, 2012

Muslim worldwide population exceeds 1.6 billion: PEW Report

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, August 10, 2012

World Muslim Leader inaugurates Tahir Hall (in Canada). Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (Khalifa tul Masih) calls for vigilance against all forms of extremism.

The weekly New Canada, Toronto; July 20, 2012

Fake railway tickets found in Khanpur station. Dozens including 3 officers arrested.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, August 3, 2012

Nasa rover lands on Mars

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 7, 2012

Survey finds flagrant violation of anti-smoking laws

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 23, 2012

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Yasser Latif Hamadani in The Friday Times, Lahore; August 31, 2012

Op-ed: The ideology of extremism

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto professed "Islamic socialism" but he also shepherded the second amendment to the Constitution under which Ahmadis were declared non-Muslims. He caved in to the religious right, and was sent to the gallows. Twenty-eight years later, his daughter was assassinated by an off-shoot of the same extremist mindset that he had sought to appease.

Iftikahr Murshid in The News International, Lahore; August 17, 2012

Op-ed: Thinking aloud: Hate mongering in God's name

But I wonder what the sentinels of the fortress of Islam called Pakistan want to do about the fact that, in public places, one cannot distinguish an Ahmadi from a Muslim by his looks. They have not yet woken up to the danger inherent in this obvious ability of Ahmadis to pose as 'Muslims' and deceive unsuspecting innocent Muslims.

Perhaps Ahmedis should henceforth not be allowed to shave their facial hair completely or to keep a full beard or a full moustache. They ought to be compelled by law to keep half a moustache or half a beard. Should any Ahmadi insist on both moustache and beard for religious reasons, I suggest he may be permitted to grow half of each, but only on opposite sides of the face, and with prior official permission. I cannot think of a more secure way to prevent the contamination of real Muslims by these 'false' Muslims.

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Razi Azmi in Daily Times – Site Edition of may 16, 2012

Op-ed: Perils of intolerance

Last week's case of Sindhi Hindu families travelling to India should be a wake-up call for all those in position of power in Pakistan. They will continue their present policies towards minorities at grave peril to themselves and the state...

I A Rehman in the daily Dawn; August 16, 2012

Annex: Anti-Ahmadi Ramadan calendar distributed in Kunjah, Punjab

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