

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

News Report June 2012

Target-attacking in Karachi

Karachi; June 24, 2012: Mr. Muhammad Aslam Bhatti of Baldia Town was attacked by unknown persons at about 11:30 at his computer shop in Saeedabad. He was hit with four bullets.

Mr. Bhatti had just opened his shop on the fateful day when two motor-cycle riders came. One of them entered the shop and started firing. Two bullets hit Mr. Bhatti on his hands, the third hit him in the shoulder, while the fourth hit him above his jaw and was stopped by his teeth which were shattered. His neighbor shop-keeper transported him to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital in Nazimabad where he was operated upon and bullets removed. He was then shifted to the ICU ward where he is recovering.

Mr. Bhatti is 34. He is married and has three daughters; the youngest is one-year old. He is a practicing Ahmadi and has no personal vendetta with anyone.

Mr. Saleem ud Din, spokesperson Jama'at Ahmadiyya Pakistan stated in a press release:

The incident draws attention towards the highly insecure lives Ahmadis live in Pakistan. ... This unfortunate incident is not an individual act of terrorism but planned and well-executed effort. It is government's responsibility to take notice of these incidents and apprehend the culprits who are openly threatening Ahmadis in various ways. ... The authorities need to stop the spread of hate material and ensure that hate-mongers are curtailed.

A fabricated criminal case against college female lecturers

Lahore; May 31, 2012: The police registered a case under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C and the religious law PPC 295-A at P.S. Civil Lines, Lahore against two Ahmadi lecturers of the Post Graduate College of Nursing on May 31, 2012. If convicted under PPC 295-A, the two ladies could be imprisoned for up to 10 years.

The accused, Ms. Tasnim Kausar is working at this college for the last 15 years. Ms. Rubina Jabeen is also a lecturer at the same college; she joined the Ahmadiyya community in 2003.

For some time the extremist and sectarian elements of the college, which include some members of the staff and a few clerks, were on the lookout to have the two Ahmadi lecturers implicated in some case under religious laws. They succeeded this time with the help of a student Sumera Naz.

Recently Ms. Jabeen reprimanded one of her students for missing classes and coming late. The boys from another class, who are under the influence of the Tablighee Jama'at, decided to support the girl and rise in protest. They also took to abuse and slander against the teacher and the Ahmadiyya Jama'at. The principal, rather than controlling the unjustified protest, decided to support the students. Mullas, who are always on the lookout for such an opportunity, came over to the college in dozens in the form of a procession carrying banners. They were, in fact, encouraged to come. They indulged in repulsive badmouthing against the two lecturers; it will not be decent to repeat their words here. Half-truth reports of these developments were published in some vernacular newspapers. The female lecturers were threatened with physical harm.

To top it all, it was a judge, Mr. Javed Iqbal Sheikh who ordered the police to register a case. In the FIR, the complainant accused the teacher of proselytizing and asserting that Ahmadiyyat was a superior religion to Islam. Rubbish, of course; Ahmadis do not consider Ahmadiyyat a religion.

A deliberate blunder after an historic injustice

Lahore: The monthly Nia Zamana, Lahore of June 2012 has published an article by a research scholar Dr. Pervez Parwazi on the report published by the National Assembly of the proceedings of its 1974 Special Committee that decided to amend the constitution to declare Ahmadis non-Muslims. The article carries the following title and headlines:

Specimens of dishonesty and suppression of facts

A review of the proceedings of the Special Committee of the National Assembly

The proceedings published by the Speaker of the National Assembly are in 21 volumes. These include all except the Presentation of the Ahmadiyya Community. The cross-examination is there, but not the basic statement of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya on its belief system. What else could be the reason for avoiding its publication except dishonesty and deceit? Where to look for an advocate and a judge?

For the purpose of examination of the Ahmadiyya issue Mr. Z.A. Bhutto, the prime minister in 1974 (father of Ms. Benazir Bhutto) arranged that the entire National Assembly act as its own Special Committee. It was formed in June 1974 and its first session was held on July 1, 1974 wherein a Steering Committee was formed. It required the Ahmadiyya Community to submit its written statement and have it read out in the Assembly. The Community was asked to provide 250 copies of the statement. This was done, and the Imam Jama'at Ahmadiyya made his Presentation, called ***Mahzar Nama*** to the Special Committee's first session on July 22 and 23, 1974.

Dr Parwazi has pointed out that the Report of the Proceedings is spread over thousands of pages, it cost millions of rupees, however it does not cover the sessions of July 22 and 23, 1974; thus it misses out completely the Presentation submitted by the Ahmadiyya Community. The Report covers Committee's proceedings from August 5 to September 7, 1974. The public has been given the incorrect impression that the Report is all-inclusive.

The Report mentions the cross-examination based on the Ahmadiyya Presentation, but has missed out the Presentation itself. It makes no sense to exclude the basic document that contained Ahmadiyya set of beliefs and their elucidation.

Dr Parwazi has pointed out the members' remarks wherein they protested that the points made by the Ahmadiyya delegation have not been adequately answered by the Ulama present in the Committee (pp 1586 and 2713 of the Report).

It is rather myopic of the decision-makers to deprive the readers of the Report of the basic Presentation made by the Ahmadiyya Community. Any researcher who takes up this subject, on not finding the Presentation in the voluminous Report, will turn to Ahmadiyya sources, and will easily locate the Presentation on the Ahmadiyya website www.alislam.org. Even its translation in English is available there. The print version could be located in some libraries, perhaps in many in the years to come.

Dr Parwazi has made two more points that are noteworthy. At one stage, Mufti Mahmud Ahmad (Late father of Maulana Fazlur Rahman), the leading mulla in the Committee, mentioned the difficulty that if he gives his opinion as a witness, he would not be able to act as a judge in giving the final verdict. However, without swearing in, he presented his 250-page statement, and had it included in the proceedings, as a witness. Later he voted on the verdict as a judge, nevertheless. There were many others like him.

It is also clear that as early as August 5, 1974, the decision to declare Ahmadis non-Muslim had already been made by the high command of the Peoples Party, and the Attorney General knew about it. He told the Ahmadiyya delegation that: "Once you are declared a minority, your rights are

protected. ... If you are not declared a minority, then I am not sure, your rights will be protected.” (p. 130) This statement of Mr. Yahya Bakhtiar, the AG (Attorney General) carried a veiled threat. However, the assurance given was *malafide* and fake, as despite declaring Ahmadis non-Muslim, their fundamental rights have been usurped freely and their persecution in the land by the state is extensive and persistent. The Imam of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at was quick and clear in his response to the suggestion of the Attorney General:

“Mirza Nasir Ahmad: Then we don't want our rights to be protected.” P. 130

Desecration of Islamic creed by the Police

Chak no. 105, District Faisalabad; June 4, 2012: *Kalima* (Islamic creed) was written in the house of an Ahmadi living in Chak no. 105 GB, Bangay, district Faisalabad. The mullas objected to it. They put pressure on the police to remove the *Kalima* from the Ahmadi's house. The Superintendent of the Police came to Mr. Ahmad's house and told him to remove the *Kalima* by the morning. Mr. Ahmad conveyed him his inability to defile the *Kalima*. The SP called the SHO of the police station, and broke the tiles on which the *Kalima* was written, with his own hands.

A sample of Islami Jamiat Talaba's activism

Lahore; June 7, 2012: Mr. Umair Ahmad and Mr. Saqib Ahmad, two Ahmadi students study in Hailey College, Lahore. The leader of the local Islami Jamiat Talaba called them and tried to obtain information from them. The Nazim of IJT phoned Mr. Umair Ahmad and told him to come to the canteen. On arrival, Umair found him there with 12 others of the IJT. They took him to the office of the college mosque and asked him the name of the Ahmadi who proselytized there. Umair replied, “No one.” They snatched Mr. Umair's mobile phone. They further asked the names of Ahmadis studying in the 4th semester. They told him that they knew that there were five Ahmadi boys and four girls. “Will you identify them?” they asked. They harassed him and demanded from him the info about Ahmadi female students. Umair repeatedly replied that he did not know.

They told him to telephone the head of the Ahmadiyya Youth in Lahore. They themselves took out his mobile number from his mobile and told Umair to ask him about the Ahmadi students studying in the college. They switched on the speaker of his mobile so that they could also hear the conversation. The call could not go through. At this one of the IJT goons called him (the head of Ahmadiyya Youth) from his mobile phone and told Umair to ask him about the Ahmadi students after introducing himself. The head of the Ahmadiyya Youth stated his ignorance in this regard and referred Umair to another Ahmadi official in Lahore and also sent his mobile number via SMS. At this the IJT rascals rebuked Umair. Meanwhile the time of Zuhr prayer approached. After the prayers they asked Umair, “Do you know Saqib?” Umair replied in the negative. The Nazim of IJT told his fellows to bring Saqib. He asked the same question from Saqib about Umair. Saqib also replied in the negative. At this he snatched Saqib's mobile and called Umair from his mobile. He found that both mobiles did not have numbers of each other because both of them really did not know each other. An IJT member who was a class fellow of Umair said that he knew Umair, he really did not know anything, as he did not tell lies. At this the Nazim let Umair go after the investigation and mental torture that lasted two hours.

An IJT youth later told Umair that they tortured Saqib but it could not be established if Saqib was an Ahmadi. He further told Umair that the teachers of the college had given the task of driving out Ahmadi students from the college and the hostel to the IJT.

The Jama'at Islami calls the IJT a body of '*Saleheen*', the pious. If this sort of conduct is that of “the pious”, it is a pointer to the moral content of Islamism peddled by this Jama'at.

Also imagine the high level of ‘freedom’ available to the IJT for indulging in criminal conduct.

Harassment of Ahmadi students

Kamrah, District Attock; May, June 2012: Here is another incident to show the sort of discrimination and harassment that Ahmadi children face in educational institutions. It is fairly wide-spread, but most children suffer and do not report their plight to elders, or the elders do not send reports to the community headquarters.

Miss Dania Nazish and Miss Tazaeen Nazish, daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Zahid Ahmad were students at the Federal Government School, Kamrah Cantt. The class teachers and the principal came to know of their Ahmadi identity, and asked them awkward questions. This encouraged other students to mistreat them and call them ‘*Kafir*’ (infidel), etc.

Miss Dania Nazish stood 1st in class 7, this entitled her to a stipend of Rs. 3000 from the Educational Board. However, a year later, she was placed 6th in the class. Her father applied for a “papers’ recheck”; at this he was told by the class teacher that an error in marking the mathematics paper had reduced her grading; she was up-graded accordingly to the 4th position. In the final examination, Dania stood first in the entire Board. Mr. Ahmad, thereafter, had her transferred to another school. At this the school administration expelled her sister Tazaeen from the school. Mrs. Ahmad attempted to meet the principal over the issue, but she refused to see her. Both the girls are now attending a different school.

Update on Mrs. Tahira Siddique case

Khanpur, District R.Y. Khan: The case of the alleged defiling of the Quran was reported at some length last month. A case under clause PPC 295-B was registered against Mrs. Siddique. The case is a fabrication.

As the police did not arrest the lady, the mullas approached a court with plea for arrest. The police informed the court that they had visited the residence of the accused several times and found it locked shut.

Mrs. Siddique has perhaps fled to avoid arrest and prosecution in this baseless and fraudulent accusation.

This case is one of the many in which blasphemy laws have been used in Pakistan to harass and worsen innocent people to settle personal or religious scores. Mullas are in the forefront to dishonestly and maliciously use these laws as a tool to wield influence and power. That is why they dig their heels whenever someone suggests annulment or essential revision of these religious laws.

Unbridled hostility in Lahore

The anti-Ahmadiyya activism is on the rise in the provincial capital of the Punjab. We are regularly reporting the persecution which the Ahmadis residing in Lahore are experiencing at the hands of extremist elements who often feel encouraged by the attitude of authorities. Some more reports follow for the past month.

Singhpura, Lahore; June 6, 2012: An anti-Ahmadiyya Khatme Nabuwat conference was held here by Mufti Muhammad Hasan. It is noteworthy that this conference was held in a Government Girls High School. It was attended by approximately 200 men. The venue of the conference was decorated by anti-Ahmadiyya banners. Stalls were set up for the participants where anti-Ahmadiyya literature, pamphlets and CDs were displayed for distribution and sale. A number of mullas addressed the audience. Mufti Muhammad Hasan used offensive language against the Ahmadiyya community. He said, “Qadiani are our enemies and enemies of Islam, it is the worst cult, boycott

them, ... They are infidels, we will throw them out from here, we will kill all of them. Cooperate with us, ... they are *Wajibul qatl* (must be killed)..."

This conference lasted until 2 a.m. The speakers tried hard to provoke the audience against the Ahmadiyya community.

Wahdat Colony, Lahore; May 27, 2012: Mr. Abdul Waheed Sindhu, an opponent of the Ahmadiyya community, resides near the Ahmadiyya mosque here. He is the president of a trust committee of the locality. He has been noticed making recce of the Ahmadiyya mosque. He held a meeting at his house and invited some goons of the locality. This meeting was attended by 60 men including 10 mullas. They discussed a complete boycott of Ahmadis. Later they also distributed anti-Ahmadiyya pamphlets. Mr. Sindhu belongs to the Ahle Sunnat group. He holds such meetings frequently to incite the public against Ahmadis.

Tajpura, Lahore; May 28, 2012: Mr. Munir Ahmad, an Ahmadi pensioner from the Army is living in Tajpura, Lahore. His two sons Mr. Munawwar Ahmad and Mr. Anees Ahmad were killed in the twin attacks on the Ahmadiyya mosques in Lahore on May 28, 2010.

Some unknown men dropped a threatening letter at his house on May 28, 2012, exactly two years after the martyrdom of his sons. It conveyed:

"Qadianis (Ahmadis) are infidels. One who maintains relations with them is also an infidel. Today on May 28, we are very happy that we killed your people in Garhi Shahu and Model Town. Now it is your turn, and wherever you go, we will locate you. It is difficult to escape us. We have an eye on all of you and your children."

Delhi Gate, Lahore; May 29, 2012: Opponents of the Ahmadiyya community took out a procession in the market of Qila Gujar Singh, Delhi Gate at about 6 p.m. They badmouthed against the Ahmadiyya community and called Ahmadis *Wajibul qatl* (must be killed) and urged the public to implement a complete social boycott against Ahmadis. They repeated this demand several times on sound amplifiers. They made two rounds of the market before dispersal. The situation there has become worse for Ahmadis after the event.

Green Town, Lahore; June 2012: Green Town is one of the hot spots in Lahore for Ahmadis. Their opponents created hue and cry and succeeded in dismantling a decorative plate with *MashAllah* (What God wills) engraved on it from the house of an Ahmadi, Rana Iqbal, sometimes ago. Some Ahmadis went to the police station to make their statements, where a number of madrassa students and mullas gathered outside. The sub-inspector told Ahmadis later that mullas had accused the administration of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Township of writing blasphemous words in the washroom of the non-Ahmadiyya mosque in Block 4, Sector A-II. The sub-inspector refused to register the fabricated FIR. This saved Ahmadis from stressful and wasteful defense.

Allama Iqbal Town, Lahore; June 3, 2012: There is a group of about 20 mullas who go to different areas and look for Ahmadis' houses. When they find one they provoke the public against the occupant and declare them *Wajibul qatl* (must be killed). Sometimes they stop in front of an Ahmadi's house and urge him to go to the mosque with them and say prayers with them or threaten him to leave the house.

This group came to the house of Mr. Nasimuddin. He was not at home at the time. They talked to his wife and asserted, "You are infidels and a minority. You should not keep Quranic verses in your homes," referring to a framed *Ayatul Kursi* (a Quranic verse) hanging inside the gate. The mullas wanted to enter the house to dismantle it. Mrs. Nasimuddin did not permit them and handed over that frame to the mullas herself. She told the mullas, "God, the Knower of the unseen, knows how greatly we love the words of God. Our lives are ready for sacrifice in His way. You people do not know what is inside our hearts."

The mullas unabashedly took away the frame.

A recent report from Heelan, Azad Kashmir, where they had blasted an Ahmadiyya mosque

Heelan, District Kotli, AJK; May/June 2012: Heelan is the village which bears the unspeakable discredit that here the authorities destroyed an under-construction Ahmadiyya mosque. This enormity was committed on June 6, 2008. They also booked a few Ahmadis under the anti-Ahmadi laws. The anti-Ahmadi lobby there is active once again. Here is the latest report.

Fourteen Ahmadis were booked in Heelan at that occasion to face charges under PPC 298-B and C. These Ahmadis were appearing regularly in the courts since then. In February this year the opponents had fresh warrants of arrest issued against the president of the local Ahmadi community, Mr. Muhammad Farooq who then moved fast to arrange a bail before arrest. He is confronted with a worsening sectarian situation.

Mr. Farooq is running a private school in the village, named Nasir Public School. The mullas have threatened openly to have it shut down. He has received phone calls that if the school is not closed, he will be kidnapped. Mr. Farooq informed the police about the phone calls and the source of the calls. The police have not taken any visible action against the miscreants. Mr. Farooq is under great stress.

The sectarian virus in Islamabad

Islamabad; June 2012: It appears that the high council of mullas under the umbrella of Khatme Nabuwwat organization that hails from JUI, JI, SSP, the Taliban, MYC, PDC, and different factions of the Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood) associations, have decided upon, *inter alia*, a vigorous anti-Ahmadiyya hate campaign all over Pakistan. It has been going on in Lahore for months. Now it is underway in Islamabad, the federal capital.

Opponents of Ahmadis pasted hate stickers at many locations in bazaars, markets and even sub-sector shops. Sectarian literature in the form of pamphlets and booklets has been distributed too. These call for social boycott of Ahmadis, ban of Ahmadi industrial products and murder of Ahmadis through edicts of *Wajibul qatl* (must be killed).

The administration has been informed of this development and urged to take preventive action.

A *laissez faire* attitude by the authorities will certainly produce an end result similar to that of the Lal Masjid whose fallout continues to hound not only the residents of Islamabad but also the entire country.

Threat to an Ahmadi doctor

Gujrat; June 13, 2012: Dr. Mirza Naseer Ahmad runs a private clinic in Gujrat. A medical representative, Sulaiman of a private company came to his clinic. He asked the doctor if he was a Qadiani? He further asserted that Qadianis blaspheme the Holy Prophet, and leveled several baseless allegations against the Ahmadiyya community. Dr. Ahmad exercised restraint, but as the visitor had come with a plan, he indulged in leveling baseless allegations against the Ahmadiyya community and used harsh words. Dr. Ahmad asked him the purpose of his visit. He replied, "You will know it shortly." Meanwhile he received a phone call to which he replied that he had confirmed that this man (Dr. Ahmad) was a Qadiani.

The medical rep went to the police station and asked them to file a case of blasphemy against Dr. Ahmad. He alleged that during the conversation Dr. Ahmad asked him the meaning of *Khataman Nabiyyeen*, to which he replied, "The last prophet." At this Dr. Ahmad said, "No, it means the seal of prophets." "This injured my feelings", he said.

The SHO called both parties to the police station and found the complainant unconvincing, who then asked for more time to think it over.

It is learnt that a prominent *Pir* (custodian of a saint's grave) of the area is instigating all this trouble, and the complainant is his follower.

Dr. Ahmad has been advised to exercise caution. He is under great stress.

A recollection of happenings at the office of the daily Al-Fazl

Rabwah: This, being the headquarters town of the Jama'at Ahmadiyya, is home to many periodicals and the daily Al-Fazl published by the community. Ahmadiyya press and its staff have suffered a great deal during the past quarter of a century of Ahmadis' persecution in Pakistan. There were times when the Al-Fazl was barred from publication for years. The editors, publishers and printers of Ahmadi periodicals had to face criminal charges on religious grounds in scores of cases. The restrictions still continue in various ways, relaxing occasionally, tightening again, without warning.

What happened in 1980s and 1990s to the Ahmadiyya press is becoming history and its witnesses have grown old and some even died. Recently Mirza Mohammad Iqbal who was on the staff of the daily Al-Fazl from 1990 to 1998 wrote an article in this daily, under the above title; it was published in its issue of June 18, 2012. We reproduce here an extract from this article as a statement of an eye-witness of that era (translation):

“Let me now mention here a few painful and distressing events that I shared (in those days). President Ziaul Haq issued the anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX in 1984 out of personal religious prejudice and hatred and in compliance with the demand of anti-Ahmadi ulama. I was a witness to its implementation (in the press section). Qazi Munir Ahmad was the printer, Agha Saifulla the publisher and manager, while Mr. Nasim Saifi was the editor of the daily Al-Fazl. All these three gentlemen were made to face criminal charges repeatedly at the hand of police. Obviously they were under great stress all the time, and they had to go into hiding to avoid arrest. The police, often in plain clothes, would raid the Al-Fazl office and their residences and succeeded in arresting them. The policemen were not mindful of their (old) age, nor of the sanctity of the month of Ramadan. In short, after their arrest these elderly gentlemen would be locked up in the local police station or driven to the cells in Chiniot. I myself remember seeing these three respected personalities behind bars in Chiniot lock-ups, during the holy month of Ramadan. Their only crime, according to (the poet) Akbar Allahabadi, was:

*My rivals have reported to the police station,
Akbar talks of God in this age and time.*

“Having suffered a great deal of hardships and persecution for four years, Mr. Saifi (the editor of Al-Fazl) died on March 19, 1999, while the other two elderly gentlemen succeeded in fleeing abroad, by the grace of Allah.”

Recently the government of the Punjab ordered a ban on the monthly Misbah, the Ahmadi women's magazine and issued a show cause notice to the daily Al-Fazl. A judge, on appeal, issued a 'stay' order. Difficulties however remain in delivering these publications through the national post. Damocles sword still hangs over the Ahmadiyya press.

Ahmadi harassed for his faith

Karachi; June 3, 2012: Mr. Nasir Ahmad Gondal was coming to the Ahmadiyya mosque for the dawn prayers when a boy came from behind and threw a plastic bag containing garbage and pebbles in it. He aimed for his head but fortunately it hit him on his shoulder. The boy shouted, “You are a *Mirzai* (Ahmadi),” and ran away.

Peace disturbed over demand of disinterment

Chak 105 GB, Bangay, District Faisalabad; June 2012: Mr. Nazir Ahmad died and was buried in the common graveyard as per practice in the village. However, this time mullas decided to be sectarian even in death, and applied to the police for disinterment of the dead body of the ‘Qadiani’ (Ahmadi).

The SHO was inclined to placate the mullas. He urged the Ahmadis to remove the dead body and bury it elsewhere. Where, nobody knows, because there is no separate land allocated yet to Ahmadis to bury their dead. As the agitation was growing, the Superintendent of Police (SP) sent for both the parties to come to his office.

The S.P. made the following proposals:

1. The issue be left to the Peace Committee (comprising local mullas), and its verdict be implemented.
2. Ahmadis be allocated a separate area for their dead. (The mullas demanded that the first to be buried there would be Nazir Ahmad.)
3. The issue is taken to the court.

The mullas demanded that in case of non-implementation of the award, a criminal case under anti-Ahmadi law PPC 298-C be registered against Ahmadis.

The SP appeared to be willing to please the clerics. He told Ahmadis to hold a press conference and state that the issue has been amicably settled. Ahmadis replied that they were not in a position to comply in the absence of a settlement. The problem has yet to be solved.

Situation worsens in Malhokay

Malhokay, District Narowal: Malhokay has been mentioned before in these reports. The situation there is getting tense and could boil over.

There are seven Ahmadi households in Malhokay comprising 63 persons in all. Most of the men work on land or in construction. Till last year, all was peaceful in the village. Then on the last Friday of the Ramadan, Qari Mudassar decided to deliver a rabid sermon against Ahmadis. He used foul language against the founder of the Ahmadi community.

For the last one year, this Qari has been agitating people against Ahmadis whom he calls *Wajbul qatl* (must be put to death). He accuses them of Blasphemy. He distributes anti-Ahmadi literature, undertakes wall-chalking, organizes and addresses sectarian meetings and keeps on applying to the police to register criminal cases against Ahmadis under Ahmadi- specific laws.

Pir Ashraf, a follower of Qari Ashraf, visited the local president of Ahmadi women and suggested that they dig up a pit, burn 40 maunds (160 kilos) of dry wood therein, and the two parties should jump into it; those who are on the right path will remain safe. The lady gave him a befitting reply.

In view of the constant harassment and mounting agitation the Ahmadiyya community applied to the administration to provide security to them. The police have therefore taken up the issue and have intervened to restore some semblance of peace and order.

Threats from Taliban

Karachi; June 3, 2012: Mr. Qaisar Shahzad, Mr. Jameel Butt, Mr. Ayaz Chatha and Mr. Muhammad Kaleem, four members of the Ahmadiyya community in Karachi received written threats from Fidayan-e-Muhammad/ Al-Qaeda Tahrirke Taliban. It stated:

“O enemies of God, the only commandment in the Islamic Sharia for blasphemy against the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is to kill. By God! now either you live in this world or we. ... Now by the grace and help of God, Mujahideen will count you and dispatch you to Hell.”

The threat can be devastating to a sensitive addressee.

From the media

Ahmadi man attacked on Sunday was target of threats.

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; June 26, 2012

Court orders action against the design of (decades old) Ahmadi place of worship (in Lahore)

The daily Mashriq, Lahore; June 1, 2012

Criminal case registered against Qadiani for preaching openly

The daily Pakistan, Lahore; June 2, 2012

Khushab: 15 Qadianis convert to Islam

The daily Al-Sharq, Lahore; June, 2012

‘Excavation of Ahmadi grave could spark clash’

Ahmadiyya community in Faisalabad calls upon govt. police officials to step in.

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; June 15, 2012

Muslims have to answer the call of unity to put an end to Ahmadiyya community (Opening address to 6-day course in Faisalabad)

The daily Nawa-e-Waqt, Lahore; June 24, 2012

Qadianis should remain within bounds of their religious and constitutional status: Abdul Latif Cheema (Ahrar)

The daily Jinnah, Lahore; June 2, 2012

Chiniot: Annual Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat Course to begin June 23

Participants will be provided (free) stationery, boarding, lodging, allowance and books: (mulla) Ghulam Mustafa

The daily Al-Sharaq, Lahore; June 20, 2012

23 killed in Landi Kotal explosion

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 17, 2012

19 killed as bomb rips through bus (in Peshawar)

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 9, 2012

Taliban release video of 17 beheaded soldiers

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 28, 2012

13 (troops) killed in Dir attack

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 26, 2012

14 killed in blast outside Quetta seminary

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; June 8, 2012

13 lives lost in brutal attack on Shia pilgrims:

Lashkar Jhangvi claims responsibility

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 29, 2012

Captain, 7 soldiers die in Khyber

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 29, 2012

Five policemen among eight killed in Kohat blast

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 17, 2012

Cleric declares jihad against polio campaign

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; June 13, 2012

Three killed, 22 injured in Peshawar shrine blast. Two killed in Quetta mosque explosion.

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; June 22, 2012

The Chief Justice told 50-member delegation of a mock Youth Parliament that an underlying objective of judicial review was to check abuse of power of public functionaries and to ensure fair treatment to all citizens in accordance with law and constitutional norms.

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 24, 2012

Pakistan's survival linked to religious tolerance. CHRE & PTA

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 24, 2012

Those who played politics in the name of Islam, harmed the country most: Imran Khan

Fazlur Rehman asked the US to make him prime minister and he will deliver whatever they would require. If the youth now shun Islam, it is because of Fazlur Rehman.

If someone destroys my family, I also can play a suicide bomber.

The daily Mashriq, Lahore; June 15, 2012

Pakistan should annul law declaring Qadianis non-Muslim: US Congressmen

The daily Khabrain, Lahore; June 30, 2012

Hosni (Mubarak) sentenced to life in prison

The daily The News, Lahore; June 3, 2012

Muhammad Morsi of Ikhwanul Muslimeen elected president. Celebrations in Egypt.

The daily Waqt, Lahore; June 25, 2012

Saudi Crown Prince Nayef passes away

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 17, 2012

Achakzai calls for new social contract

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 26, 2012

SC disqualifies prime minister

The daily The News, Lahore; June 20, 2012

Raja (Pervez Ashraf) gets Power

The daily Nation, Lahore; June 23, 2012

Zardari faces contempt case in LHC

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 26, 2012

Four policemen killed in targeted attack (in Quetta)

The daily Express Tribune, Lahore; June 10, 2012

Exchange of kicks, fists continues in (Punjab) PA

The daily The News, Lahore; June 23, 2012

Arsalan Iftikhar a don, who runs judiciary. CJ knew it: Riaz

The daily Nation, Lahore; June 13, 2012

5 girls 'assaulted' at police station

The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 10, 2012

Rioters torch train, rob passengers

The daily The News, Lahore; June 19, 2012

Op-ed: A community no one cares about

Now Pakistan is in a ridiculous situation in which there is a common list of voters, which contains the names of all the Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Parsi, Christian and Buddhist voters; and a strange second list, termed as non-Muslim, comprising only Ahmadis. No Pakistani has the right to say that Pakistan has corrected itself and returned to the joint electorates of the original 1973 Constitution. True and non-fanatic Pakistanis feel the sting of conscience over the way this community has been treated. Other communities may also be persecuted in the coming days, but nothing will surpass the horror of the way the Ahmadis are treated.

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Op-ed: (Ahmadis' persecution)

The persecution suffered by the minorities in Pakistan is only 3-4 percent reported in the Urdu press and electronic media, however anti-Ahmadiyya events are given a total blackout. This is done to avoid an accusation of being an Ahmadi. Once accused this charge sticks over lifetime regardless of all explanations. Our intelligentsia is so afraid of this that they are not prepared to speak in favour of Ahmadis in the media or any forum. If ever someone opens his mouth in this regard, he will first make it clear that he is from a Sunni family.

Shoaib Adil in the Nia Zamana, March 2012

Op-ed: Silence of the Lambs

Waiting for justice in the Land of the Pure, Bradley Cooper of Human Rights Watch deemed it obscene that two years after the massacre (in Lahore Ahmadiyya mosques), the government had still not brought the accused to trial. "By pandering to extremists who foment violence against the Ahmadis, the government emboldens militants who target the beleaguered community, and reinforces fear and insecurity for all religious minorities."

According to HRW, since the bloodshed of 28th May 2010, there has been intensification in hate campaign against Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Saba Eitezaz in The Friday Times of June 8, 2012

Op-ed: Where God once lived

It is quite ironical how we retaliate when our religious sites are desecrated; however, when we carry out the same blasphemous acts against other places of worship we consider our acts in accordance with religious decrees. Does any religion consider acts of violence and destruction permissible? The fact that we all know the answer to the aforementioned question infuriates me further because it is not lack of awareness which motivates people to do this, but sheer bigotry and intolerance.

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Ahmadis frequently face the brunt of religious hatred in Pakistan and remain under constant scrutiny. Many of their worship sites are vandalized or demolished each year and others receive threats.

<http://dawn.com/2012/06/25/where-god-once-lived/>

Op-ed: The Khatme Nabuwwat Convention

He (Mulla Ilyas Chinioti) also stated that the Sadar Anjuman Ahmadiyya owes two years' income tax (to the state) for years 2011 and 2012 to the tune of Rupees 1 trillion, 46 billion, and 320 million, for which the Regional Income Tax Office has sent a notice on May 17. This officer was offered a bribe of Rs. 300 million by the Qadianis, which he refused.

(Mulla) Abaidullah Latif on Khatme Nabuwwat Convention in the daily Aman, Faisalabad of June 16, 2012