

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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A spate of Ahmadis' murders in Karachi for their faith

Karachi: Four Ahmadis were murdered in Karachi within a period of ten days.

- I. Rao Abdul Ghaffar of Baldia Town was murdered on September 6, 2012 by target-killers. He was a teacher by profession. While returning home from school, he was attacked by two persons and shot dead. Mr. Ghaffar was 44, married and had four children; the eldest is 16 years old. Mr. Ghaffar enjoyed a good reputation as a person and a teacher. His record of voluntary community services was excellent.
- II. Mr. Muhammad Nawaz was killed at about 20:00 on September 11, 2012 while driving to his place of duty. Unknown killers shot him twice in the head; he died on the spot. Mr. Nawaz was a good and helpful man. He is survived by his widow, two sons, three daughters and an elderly mother.
- III. Mr. Naveed Ahmad, 22, was attacked in his neighbourhood while sitting outside in company with friends, on September 14, 2012. Two unknown motor-cyclists approached them and fired shots from close range. Mr. Ahmad was hit twice in the stomach. He died on his way to hospital. His friends were hurt but survived.



IV. Mr. Muhammad Ahmad Siddiqui was subjected to a target killing on September 15, 2012 at about midnight. He closed his shop and was on his way home with his brother-in-law, Mr. Shams Fakhri. It seems someone reported their departure on a cell-phone to the killers who were waiting for their targets not too far away. Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Fakhri were both hit with bullets. Mr. Siddiqui died, while Mr. Fakhri was operated upon for removal of bullets. The latter lost lot of blood in the process and his condition became critical; fortunately he survived.

It is learnt that a mulla Aziz was present at some distance when they closed their store. He phoned someone at the time. Mr. Siddiqui and some other members of his family joined Ahmadiyyat in 2001. This had caused a reaction in their circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Siddiqui was 23; he got married (*Nikah*) only a week earlier. He was the youngest of his 11 brothers and sisters. Two of his brothers are settled in the USA.

Two months ago Mr. Naeem Ahmad Gondal, president of the Ahmadiyya community Orangi Town, Karachi was murdered on July 19, 2012. He was an Assistant Director at the State Bank of Pakistan. Sixteen Ahmadis have been killed in Karachi since the promulgation of anti-Ahmadi laws in 1984. Most of them were prominent in their professions. Two

hundred and twenty-two Ahmadis have been murdered for their faith since 1984. Hardly any of the attackers have been brought to justice.

The Ahmadiyya Director of Public Affairs has repeatedly brought this killing spree to the notice of the relevant authorities, but to little avail. In a recent letter he has once again conveyed to them that mullas openly declare Ahmadis '*Wajibul Qatl*' in their rallies and sermons, and distribute provocative literature. "These persistent attacks on Ahmadis are result of a deliberate conspiracy by extremist religious and anti-social elements who are busy spreading sectarian hatred in the name of religion. Authorities are requested once again to pay special attention and provide (security and) justice," he wrote.

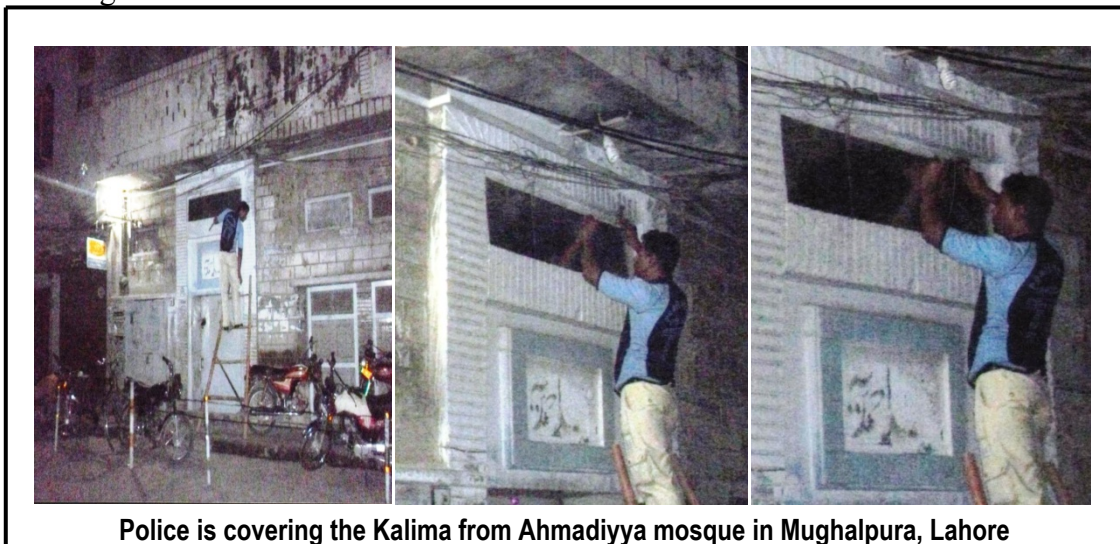
Ahmadi escapes attempt on life

Nawabshah; September 06, 2012: Mr. Zaheer Ahmad Alvi S/O Mr. Muhammad Abdullah Alvi, aged 55 was injured but lived after an attempt on his life. He went to the market for some shopping when two unknown motorcyclists opened fire at him. Two bullets hit him in the abdomen. These injured his liver and intestines. He was rushed to the Civil Hospital where he was operated upon and his condition became stable.

Several Ahmadis have been killed in Nawabshah in the recent past. The police have failed to provide security to Ahmadis.

Desecration of Ahmadiyya mosque by police

Mughalpura, Lahore; September 23, 2012: The police came to the local Ahmadiyya mosque and covered the Islamic creed (*Kalima*) with black steel plates. Mullas were putting pressure on the police to remove the *Kalima* from the Ahmadiyya mosque. The police told Ahmadis to remove the *Kalima*. They were told that Ahmadis could never consider undertaking such desecration.



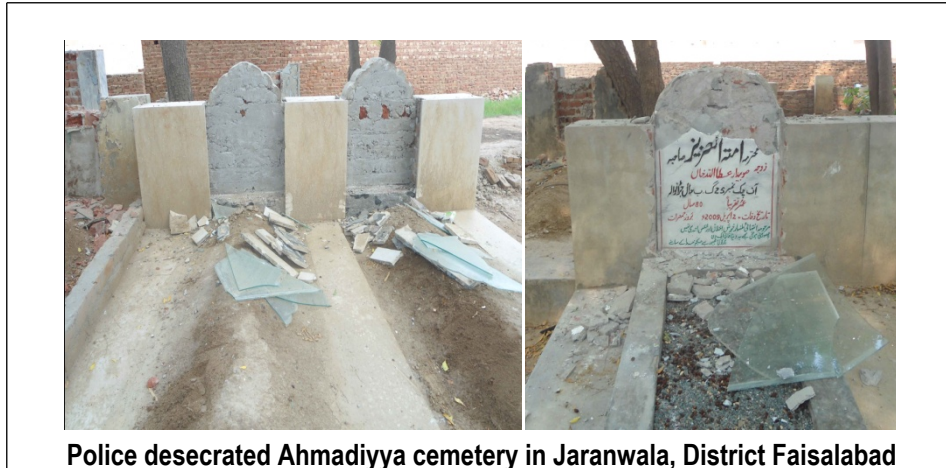
Earlier a group of approximately 30 mullas and miscreants came over to the mosque on September 19, 2012 at 9 p.m. on motorcycles. They brought with them a ladder and a hammer. They knocked at the door of the mosque but no one opened the gate for them. They placed the ladder against the main gate, climbed over it and started removing the *Kalima* and attributes of God written on the wall. They were told to stop. They replied that they were constables and the police had told them to do so. Ahmadi youths on duty firmly told them that they would not allow any civilian do it. At this the miscreants retreated. However, a few days later, the police turned up to do the defiling officially.

The police action in the Mughalpura Ahmadiyya mosque is still another serious violation of Ahmadis' freedom of religion.

Ahmadiyya cemetery desecrated

Jaranwala, District Faisalabad; September 4, 2012:

Opposition to Ahmadis has been on the rise here for some time. They applied to the local police to remove Islamic inscriptions from the gravestones of Ahmadis in their cemetery. Ahmadis told the police that they would not do it themselves nor allow any civilian to do it, however if police decide to do it, they will not resist. The police insisted but Ahmadis did not comply with these orders that were in grotesque violation of their freedom of religion.



The police came to the site on September 4, 2012 well after darkness had set in. They demolished the 23 gravestones and took away the pieces. Mr. Sajid Farooqi, Chairman of Jaranwala Peace Committee and Khadim Nadeem Qadri a Khatme Nabuwwat leader actively backed this profane undertaking.

Desecration of another Ahmadiyya mosque

Mitha Tiwana, District Khushab; September 13, 2012:

A police inspector came with his contingent to the local Ahmadiyya mosque on September 13, 2012 and told the Ahmadiyya administration that two mullas Athar Hussain Shah and Shamsul Aarfain Hamdani of Quaidabad had filed an application against Rana Nasir Ahmad, the president of local Ahmadiyya community and Rana Nasrullah that Ahmadis have built minaret and a niche in their mosque and written the *Kalima* in violation of Pakistani law. (In fact the law does not specify this as violation.) He inspected the mosque and went back. He told Ahmadis to come to the police station on September 15, 2012. The Ahmadiyya delegation went there accompanied by a number of non-Ahmadi sympathizers who were willing to state that they had no objection to Islamic inscriptions and minarets in the Ahmadiyya mosque. The investigation officer was not present at the given time so the delegation had to return. On their way back they met the investigation officer who took the statements of five non-Ahmadi locals and asked them to come again the next day to have their statements recorded.

The Ahmadiyya community representatives met higher officials to explain this position. The SHO called Rana Nasrullah to the police station on September 16, 2012. He recorded his statement and gave the decision that in order to control the situation and to stop the mischief the police will remove the *Kalima* from the Ahmadiyya mosque.

The police arrived there at 8 p.m. and removed the *Kalima* from the Ahmadiyya mosque and took away the plate with them.

The two mullas who were behind this mischief are very active in this district against Ahmadis. They threatened an Ahmadi shopkeeper to remove the names of Allah and Muhammad (PBUH) from his shop. He did not comply, so they spray painted these holy names during dark hours when the shop was closed.

The incident is indicative of the policy of higher political and administrative authorities in the Punjab to go to great lengths to comply mullas' wishes.

An awful move against an Ahmadiyya periodical

Karachi; September 2012: Mulla Anwar ul Hasan of Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat moved the Sessions Court (East), Karachi against the material published in the Ahmadiyya fortnightly, Al-Musleh and applied that criminal proceedings be initiated against the editor, printer, publisher, typist and the column-writers of the periodical. The article was written by Mr. Muhammad Ahmad. The court ordered follow-up action on the request.

The applicant accused the periodical of publishing Ahmadiyya beliefs, for instance, 1) the death of Prophet Isa, 2) the revealed nature of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's books etc.

No arrests have been made yet. Al-Musleh staff had to take essential security precautions and measures.

While the entire country is enjoying unprecedented freedom of press and expression, Ahmadiyya press finds itself highly vulnerable against the attacks of religious bigots supported by authorities who like to appear 'pious'.

Clash precipitated by mullas

Uncha Mangat, District Hafizabad; September 2012: The situation is getting very tense here for Ahmadis for months. The police desecrated the Ahmadiyya graveyard here on August 17, 2012 and removed Islamic inscriptions from gravestones to placate the mullas.

The mullas held a Khatme Nabuwwat conference here on September 26, 2012 after the evening prayers. This conference was extensively publicized through banners and posters. The local Ahmadis felt insecure, and conveyed their concern to the District Police Officer. He allowed the conference but ordered a ban on the entry of a rabid mulla Allah Wasaya to the district.

As expected, the speakers spoke against Ahmadiyyat and instigated the public against the Ahmadiyya community. The number of participants was not high as expected by the organizers.

Two days later on September 28, 2012 they took out a procession after the Friday prayers. The police were present. The procession passed close to the house of an Ahmadi, Mr. Zulfiqar Mangat and shouted slogans. Mr. Mangat got offended and exchanged harsh words with the mullas. The police intervened and calm was restored but the communal tension remained, and the parties approached the police.

The police called a few Ahmadis to the Police Station Kasoki on September 29, 2012. When the mullas learnt about the presence of Ahmadis there they laid siege to the police station and started pelting stones on the building. Some of them climbed to the roof and pelted stones from there. As a result three Ahmadis, Mr. Qaiser Humayun, Mr. Sikander Hayat and Mr. Shahadat Khan, who were present there, got injured. Two other Ahmadis Mr. Zulfiqar Mangat and Mr. Muhammad Arshad were also injured in this attack. The DPO called the Elite Force to secure the police station.

In this backdrop the police charged Mr. Zulfiqar Mangat, his brother Munawar Ahmad Mangat, and Muhammad Arshad on the application of mulla Qari Muhammad Yusuf, under PPC 506/II with FIR no. 374 in police station Kasoki on September 29, 2012. They arrested two Ahmadis, Mr. Zulfiqar Mangat and Mr. Muhammad Arshad. The police also charged eight non-Ahmadis for attacking the police station.

Ahmadis feel greatly disturbed and harassed as a result of the aggressive campaign of the mullas and the authorities' reluctance to discipline them boldly.

This happened in the capital, Islamabad

Islamabad; September 7, 2012: The mullas proposed and the authorities approved holding a Khatme Nabuwwat Conference on September 7, 2012 in the legendary Lal Masjid. Everyone knows that End of Prophethood is made out as a sectarian and highly controversial one-sided issue by the mulla, while the clerics and the state make sure that Ahmadis are not allowed even a whisper in their own defense. Having said that we report only brief highlights of what the mullas chose to say on that day in the Lal Masjid to thousands of the exploitable audience.

1. Mulla Aziz-ur-Rehman said, "We reaffirm today that we shall offer every sacrifice until our last breath, but we shall not allow any hurt to the honour of the Prophet."
2. Mulla Zahur Alvi, Khatib Masjid Imdadia F-6/4 said that Qadianis are terrorists.
3. Mehtab Abbasi, editor daily Ausaf stated that great sacrifices were offered in Tehrik Namus Risalat 1973-74. (In fact the entire unrest was anti-Ahmadiyya.)
4. Maulvi Amir Siddiqui (Khatib G-6 Markaz mosque) said that Lal Masjid has always been in the lead of Islamic movements. People ask why the Lal Masjid and Madrassah Hafsa were attacked; it is because they upheld Islam.
5. Maulvi Allah Wasaya said that the Tehrik Khatme Nabuwwat will continue until the Dooms Day.
6. Maulvi Shafiq-ur-Rehman said that one who changes his parentage is not a legitimate son; Qadianis are not legitimate as they have changed their father (God forbid).
7. Pir Luqman Hazarvi said, "Mirza discredited the Jihad and called it terrorism, (*dehshat gardi*). Qadianis, listen: Jihad will continue.... We are not terrorists, but we'll sacrifice everything for the honour of the Prophet. If this law is repealed, everyone will become a Qadri."
8. Qari Khurshid of Jamia Faruqia, Rawalpindi said, "Anyone who seeks proof of (continuation of) prophethood is a *Kafir*... . The US government has written a letter to Pakistan to provide protection to Qadianis. The US is a terrorist (state); if this law is tampered with on its behest, the government will be responsible for any unrest (*fitna*) that ensues."
9. Allama Abdul Aziz Hakim (Ahle Hadith) was of the opinion, "If we want an end to the rule of American agents, we shall have to induct (cleric) dignitaries and religious parties in the government.
10. Maulvi Abdul Haq (JUI Punjab) recommended that such rallies should be held more often.
11. Maulvi Shams said that Pakistan was based on Islam and Islam was based on End of Prophethood.
12. Mufti Kafayatulla (JUI) asserted that the mischief (of Ahmadiyyat) will be completely wiped out (*Is fitney ka nam-o-nishan mita diya jaiga.*)
13. Maulvi Ata ur Rehman (MNA of JUI) said that Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was on the pay roll of the British; our leaders put an end to this *fitna* in 1974.
14. Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi told the government to be mindful and not to disturb the status quo.
15. Qari Mushtaq Ahmad (Khatme Nabuwwat, Rawalpindi) warned, "If Qadianis protest in Satellite Town (over the restrictions on their worship) we shall destroy their center (*Imarat ki ek eint nahi miley gi*); we should celebrate the entire month of September every year."

16. Maulvi Samiul Haq expressed the opinion, “Blood was shed unjustly in the Lal Masjid; we feel ashamed coming here.”
17. Maulvi Abdul Waheed Qasmi (Khatme Nabuwat, Islamabad) said that no change in PPC 295-C shall be tolerated. He demanded immediate release of Mumtaz Qadri (Governor Taseer’s murderer).
18. Maulvi Abdul Aziz offered that the mosque was at the disposal of all, be they Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat or the (banned) Sipah Sahabah.

AT the end of the session, loud and angry slogans were raised against Ahmadiyyat.

Apart from the Lal Masjid, anti-Ahmadi sermons were delivered in 12 different mosques in Islamabad. Their content was slanderous and hateful. A sampling of statements made therein is given below (leaving aside the tirade and the bad words):

- The imperialists recruited Qadianis as paid agents after 1857. (Note: Ahmadiyya Community was not founded till 32 years later.)
- Prove your Islam by sacrificing your lives.
- Qadianis are involved in terrorism.
- Shias believe in 12 Imams. Shias, Qadianis and Hazara Walas – all are apostates.
- Implement a complete boycott of Qadianis – social, business, personal, all.
- There shall be no prophet after the Holy Prophet; there is no need for one – the Ulema have been given the (great) task instead of the prophets.
- Boycott this *fitna* (of Qadianiat), and boycott their (industrial) products.

The sermons and rallies of September 7 were preceded by a preliminary conference in the Lal Masjid on September 1, so the authorities knew what was forthcoming.

The authorities may permit all the above, but from here it is only a small jump to a repeat of the events of July 2007 of the Lal Masjid where the mullas killed a colonel.

Religious extremism in the capital

G-7, Islamabad; September 14, 2012: The mulla of the G-7 mosque delivered a very offensive sermon against Ahmadis. He spoke against the founder of the community and agitated the audience against the Ahmadis. He said, “The denier of Khatme Nabuwat and claimant of the false prophethood Mirza Ghulam Ahmad blasphemed against our Holy Prophet (PBUH) and we remain silent! What happened to our sense of honour? Why don’t we boycott them and initiate a Jihad against them ... You should rise against them in Jihad and exterminate them ...”

Apparently no action has been taken against this ranting mulla although he openly violated the laws of the land, PPC 153-A, 295-A, 298 and 298-A. Who is responsible if someone motivated by the mulla’s exhortation commits murder of an Ahmadi?

I-8/1, Islamabad; August 31, 2012: A mulla delivered a sermon against the Ahmadiyya community on Friday. He declared Ahmadis to be the greatest mischief of the time. He declared Ahmadis *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed) and urged the audience to implement a complete social boycott of them. He announced that a conference will be held in Lal Masjid on September 7, 2012. The title of the conference would be, ‘The great triumph of the Muslim World of 7 September’ as Ahmadis were declared non-Muslims by the state on September 7, 1974. Leaflets concerning the conference in Lal Masjid were distributed among the worshippers after the Friday sermon.

End of Prophethood Day – in Rabwah and elsewhere in the country

September 7, 2012: On September 7, 1974, the national assembly, under the control of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto declared Ahmadis a non-Muslim minority. This day has since been annually celebrated by mullas, and occasionally by People’s Party leaders. When

striving for votes, they remind the religious lobby that it was they who took this historic decision.

This year also mullas converged on Rabwah to celebrate this day. They came here as a token of manifest provocation, which as majority they continue to claim as right from all governments, military as well as democratic. They indulge in violations of civic and political norms, but the weak state lacks courage to deny them intrusion into Rabwah where the non-Ahmadis' presence is less than 5% of the population.

Rabwah: A two-day rally was permitted here by the authorities. It was held in madrassa Jamia Usmania Khatme Nabuwwat, Muslim Colony. A large number of clerics turned up to address a small crowd. The organisers had invited leaders of Pakistan Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat, Pakistan Shariat Council, Tehrik Hurmat Rasul, Majlis Ahrar Islam, JUI, Jamaat Islami, JUP, Jamaat ud Dawa, Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat, Jamaat Ahle Hadith, Wafaq ul Madaras, JU Azad Kashmir, Tanzim Ahle Sunnat, Tehrik Madah Sahabah, Difa Pakistan Council etc. Some of these organizations are banned, while others comprise members who are former members of organizations banned for terrorist activities.

Here, we reproduce only a sample of what the speakers said on this occasion:

Maulvi Ata ul Muhaiman Bokhari urged the audience not to go to Qadiani doctors for treatment. "Bhutto was right in declaring them Non-Muslims, Qadianis are the greatest mischief (*fitna*) of the present age", he said.

Qari Yaqub Sheikh said that whosoever claims Prophethood, will have his head cut through our Jihad.

Mulla Ilyas Chinioti said the Income Tax Department has levied a heavy tax on Qadianis. If they do not pay up, it will be considered defiance of the Pakistani constitution.

Mulla Shabbir Usmani uttered abuse and insults against the founder of the Ahmadi community.

Mulla Ahmad Siraj demanded that there should be a ban on referring to Qadianis as Ahmadis.

Mulla Abdul Rahman Shah of the US said that the modern Satan had imposed pure cultural and doctrinal aggression on the Muslim Ummah; this has ushered in the most delicate period for the Ummah.

Qari Shabbir Usmani moved the following resolutions, *inter alia*, and had them passed in the conference:

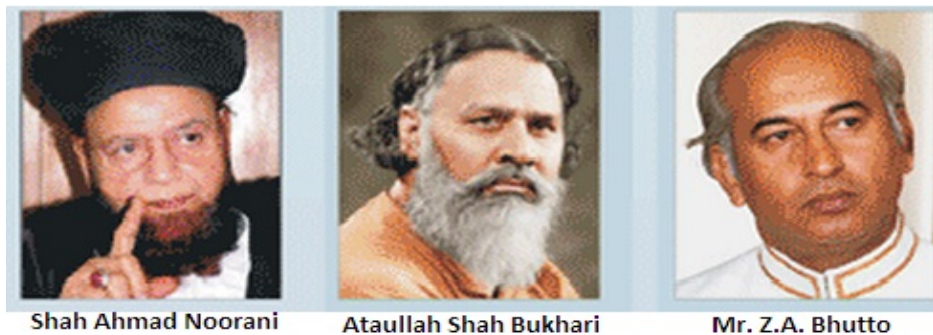
- We condemn American drone attacks and Nato forces actions in FATA and our border violations by them. We express utmost grief and hurt over the killing of innocent persons by suicide bombers.
- Qadianis should be removed from all civil and military posts forthwith.
- A religion column should be added to CNICs, or different colour be allocated to Muslims' cards and religious distinction as required by the constitution and law should be ensured.
- There should be an effective ban all over Pakistan on the Qadiani TV channel, MTA.
- Entry forms to all educational institutions should have an affidavit regarding the End of Prophethood and *Kufr* of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.
- The school syllabus should contain lessons and material on Khatme Nabuwwat so that young generations are well educated on the honour of the Prophet (*Namus Risalat*).
- Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya owes income tax of Rs one trillion, 46 billions, 320 million to the state for years 2011 and 2012. Qadianis have offered to pay up Rs. 320 million. However, all must be recovered.
- All religious and Quranic epithets should be removed from Qadiani places of worship and secured by the authorities.

- A complete ban should be imposed on Ahmadiyya Youth, a terrorist organization.
- The Nusrat Girls High School and the Girls College (in Rabwah) should be renamed Aisha Girls School and Fatima Girls College, as Nusrat was the name of Mirza's wife.
- There should be a ban on Qadianis' activities.
- Qadiani press in Chenab Nagar should be shut down. Permission given to them for publishing their periodicals should be withdrawn.
- Sharia should be imposed in Pakistan and the interest-based system should be outlawed.
- Umar Farooq, Deputy District Agriculture and Malik Zahur, Agriculture Assistant posted in Lalian should be transferred as they are Qadianis.

Elsewhere

What is reported above was repeated in a number of cities and towns in Pakistan. The vernacular press in the Punjab reported conferences, meetings etc in Lahore, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Chiniot, Sialkot, Narowal, Pak Pattan, Chicha Watni etc.

The vernacular press published Special Editions on this day; the dailies Jang, Nawa-i-Waqt, Ausaf, Pakistan, Din, Express, Khabrain were among these. The daily Pakistan, Express, and Din held Forum discussions at this occasion. The daily Nawa-i-Waqt published the following photos of the End of Prophethood 'celebrities'. Socialist Bhutto's company is noteworthy. The mullas eventually teamed up to have Mr. Bhutto hanged by an Islamist dictator.



At Islamabad, the Aalami Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat demanded an annual national holiday on September 7.

The daily Dunya reported on September 8, 2012 the statement of mulla Fazal Karim, MNA and Chairman of Sunni Ittehad Council: "Non-believers in the End of Prophethood are rebels of Islam and traitors to Pakistan."

Ahmadis in Pakistan have turned to prayers in the face of these outbursts of obscurantism and reaction.

Former prime minister hobnobs with clerics

Golra, Islamabad; August 25, 2012: Mullas held a Tajdar Khatme Nabuwwat Conference in Golra, a small town on the outskirts of Islamabad. Mr. Yusuf Raza Gilani, the former prime minister, who has little else to do these days except nurse his grievances and defend his son, thought it politically advantageous to speak about the End of Propethood and be seen in company of clerics. The mullas uttered a great deal of foul language against the Ahmadiyya community. Mr. Gilani also joined the chorus and claimed credit for the PPP to have piloted Amendment II to the Constitution that imposed non-Muslim status on Ahmadis. He failed to mention that this intervention in the religious affairs of the people of Pakistan was further built upon by the dictator Zia ul Haq who sent Mr. Bhutto, the author of Amendment II to the

gallows.

Hostile environment in Lahore

Johar Town; September 7, 2012: A Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held in the mosque Kanzul Ummal of Sector B-1, Johar Town. Mullas from different locations participated in this conference.

A procession comprising approximately 60 motorcycles and a few cars was led by mulla Shabeer of the mosque Jamia Aloom Islamia Hanfia of Sector A-II, Township. This procession stopped in front of Ahmadis' houses, used foul language and raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans. It also stopped in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque in the Township, and raised slogans. Later it went to the venue of the conference in Johar Town.

Baghbanpura, Shalimar Town and Township; August 2012: Anti-Ahmadiyya activism has grown visibly in these areas. Anti-Ahmadi stickers have been pasted at various locations. The people were provoked through speeches and sermons. The mosques in which these sermons were delivered are as follows:

1) Allama Ihsan Ilahi Zaheer Hospital mosque in Ghore Shah Darbar Road, 2) Masjid Ahle Hadith Chowk Shuwala, Ghore Shah, 3) Jamia Farooqia Rizvania "Barelvi Maslik" Ghore Shah, 4) Masjid Taqwa "Deobandi Firqa" Ghore Shah Road, 5) Jamia Naeemia Bhogiwal Branch Jamia Naeemia Garhi Shahu, 6) Jamia Ashrafia Bhogiwal, Ferozpur Road, 7) Jamia Masjid Muslim Park and Masjid Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat "Barelvi" Chowk Shuwala, Ghore Shah Road, and 8) Masjid Jhanda Chowk "Barelvi Maslik" Baghbanpura.

Baghbanpura; August 2012: The opponents of the Ahmadiyya community here distributed a booklet, "*Dawate Fikr aur Ansarullah*" on September 3, 2012. Mulla Ibtisam Ilahi Zaheer a staunch anti-Ahmadi delivered the Friday sermon in the Ahle Hadith mosque adjacent to the hospital. The topic of his sermon was, "Why the Qadianis are not Muslim?" His scheduled Friday sermon was greatly publicized in the area through banners and posters. Mulla Zaheer used foul language against the Ahmadiyya community and provoked the audience against Ahmadis.

Lahore; August 2012: Some men came looking for Mr. Basharat Ahmad, Ahmadi, whose son Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad had captured a terrorist during the attacks on Ahmadiyya mosques in Lahore in 2010. They were riding a black car. The police have taken no action to ensure safety of the prime witnesses of the massacre of Ahmadis and their family members.

A disturbing report from Karachi

Karachi; September 4, 2012: Mr. Abdul Majeed Tauseef and his wife had a disturbing and unusual experience. They went to the local shopping center in Mahmud Abad in the evening. On their way back home two motorcyclists approached them and told his wife to remove her *Burqa* (Islamic dress for veil). They attempted to remove it forcibly. At this Mr. Tauseef held the goon's hand, however they overpowered him, beat him up and fled when a few passers-by approached.

Mr. Tauseef and his wife reported the incident to the police who have apparently not been able to follow-up worth a mention.

Threat to an Ahmadi

Mughalpura, Lahore; September 14, 2012: Mr. Ansar Bharwana S/O Mr. Aslam Bharwana who was killed in attacks on Ahmadiyya mosques in Lahore in 2010 received a threatening letter that called him, "*Wajibul Qatl*" (must be killed). He was told to abandon his job in Pakistan Railways or be killed. Foul language were used in this letter against the Ahmadiyya community.

Anti-Ahmadiyya stickers were also pasted on the main-gate of Mr. Bharwana's house. The situation is tense for Ahmadis in this area. The police have covered up the *Kalima* in the local Ahmadiyya mosque, on the demand of mullas.

Ordeal of an Ahmadi educationist

Khushab; September 2012: An Ahmadi, Mr. Muhammad Yunus is running Shad Public Academy Model School here in partnership with a non-Ahmadi friend Mr. Muhammad Azam.

A student, Muhammad Saqib Rahman S/O Abdul Rahman did not do his homework, so he was reprimanded. Saqib told his father who telephoned Mr. Muhammad Yunus, the principal and abused him for disciplining his child. Abdul Rahman later met a mulla Dilawar and decided jointly to give the matter a religious colour. Abdul Rahman then filed an application with the District Police Officer against Shad Public School stating that, "My son was taught Qadianiat in the School; upon his refusal subjected to torture."

On the advice of the mulla, his son Umar Farooq and Saqib's father sent the following SMS to different mobile numbers:

"(The extent of barbarity) Shad Academy's principal and the Jamaat Ahmadiyya missionary Master Yunus tortured a student Muhammad Saqibur Rahman for refusing to accept Qadiani religion. The child is in a critical state."

The DPO investigated the accusation himself and found it a fabrication of Saqib's father and mulla Dilawar. The bigots had threatened to take out a procession on September 3, but relented when Mr. Yunus agreed to stop pursuing the case after an apology from Saqib's father.

Business of Ahmadis disturbed

Mardan; September 21, 2012: The Government of Pakistan declared a day off on September 21, 2012 in protest to a blasphemous film produced in the USA. At this occasion a procession was taken out in Mardan too. They turned to rioting and damaged private business and burnt down the office of OCS, a courier company, and broke into the shop of mobile phone accessories owned by Mian Abdul Basit, an Ahmadi, and looted it. They also broke into a shop of Sheikh Javed Ahmad, Ahmadi.

Lack of security in District Sialkot

Mirajke, District Sialkot; September 2012: The opponents attacked Mr. Faizan Ahmad, an Ahmadi retailer. They beat him up severely. The police were no help as the local police inspector is very biased against Ahmadis. He thinks it is 'pious' to be so.

Move against an Ahmadiyya cemetery

Model Town, Lahore; August 2012: Rana Tufail, resident of Ravi Road, is self-styled consultant to the Tahaffuze Namoos Rasool Lawyers Group and an anti-Ahmadi fanatic. He complained to the Police Station Liaquat Abad in writing that Islamic inscriptions were written on the gravestones of Ahmadis in their cemetery in Model Town. He supported it with photos of the gravestones, and asked that a case be registered against Mr. Tahir Ahmad Kashif (the Ahmadiyya missionary there), Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad Qureshi (supervisor of the cemetery) and two unknown Ahmadis.

Rana Tufail is the same person who previously applied to the authorities to remove Islamic inscriptions from an Ahmadiyya mosque in Sultan Pura, Lahore. He was greatly encouraged when the police not only removed Islamic inscriptions from the mosque but also demolished the minarets of that mosque in May 2012. This was reported in our monthly report.

The police called the Ahmadiyya administration to explain. It is learnt that Rana Tufail approached a court which ordered the police to register a criminal case against Ahmadis. The judge has sought a report from the police. The police were to appear in the court on September 25, 2012. An update is awaited.

Reconnaissance of Ahmadiyya place of worship

Model Town, Lahore; August 18, 2012: Three attempts to collect information on Ahmadiyya mosque in Model Town came to notice between 16 – 18 August, 2012. This is one of the two mosques that were targeted by the terrorists in 2010.

1. A man named Tariq came to the mosque at the time of Asr prayers. He asked for a job and said that he had done his F.A. and had come from Mansehra. He asked for some literature of the Ahmadiyya community. He was handed over to the police.
2. Similarly, another day a man named Hasrat came to the mosque at sun-set time. He told the guard at the main-gate that he was a student and had a job. He asked for some literature. He also inquired if this location was Jamia Ahmadiyya (Ahmadiyya seminary). The guard on duty took copy of his ID card and let him go.
3. Another man Raees Ahmad came to the mosque at 1 p.m. on a motorcycle. He told the guard on duty, "I belonged to Jamaat Islami. I like Ahmadis for their decent behaviour. I want to know more about your community." He said that a newly converted doctor had told him the address of this Ahmadiyya mosque. The police were informed, who took him to the police station for questioning.

These incidents are cause of great concern to local Ahmadis who lost dozens of worshippers in a terrorist attack in May 2010.

Anti-Ahmadiyya rallies

Toba Tek Singh; September 3, 2012: A Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held in this district town. People from all over the district participated. Twenty-seven mullas addressed the crowd. They spoke mostly against Christians. Ahmadis remained vigilant and on guard against any threat to their security.

Sialkot; September 7, 2012: Mullas held a Khatme Nabuwwat conference in the open ground of Wapda Office, Sialkot. It was greatly publicized through banners and wall-chalking. Approximately 2000 men attended the conference; majority of them came from nearby villages. Mufti Muneebur Rahman, a mulla on government pay roll, presided over the session. The mullas spoke venomously against Ahmadis.

Sargodha; September 6, 2012: The eighth International Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held in Sargodha in Masjid Gol Chowk. This was attended by Mulla Ilyas Chinioti, Qari Waheed Ahmad, Maulvi Nadeem Qasmi, Maulvi Shabbir Qasmi and Akram Toofani. Approximately 3000 men participated in it, most of them were madrasa students. All the mullas spoke against the Ahmadiyya community and agitated the audience over perceived and fabricated disputes.

Panchnand, District Chakwal; September 2, 2012: A huge anti-Ahmadiyya Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held here. Mullas of Deobandi faction, Jamaat Islami, Tableeghi Jamaat and Ahrars from Mianwali, Chakwal, Attock, Khushab and Jhelum participated in this rally. They converged on the venue of the conference in processions, shouting slogans, carrying banners etc. A few thousand people mostly outsiders attended the conference. Mullas spoke venomously against the Ahmadiyya community. The local people generally disliked the heightened activity and termed it a mischief aimed at disturbing the peace of the locality.

Bhawana, District Jhang; September 16, 2012: Opponents of Ahmadiyyat held a conference here in the name of 'Reformation of the society'. It was presided over by a mulla

Ghulam Ahmad. Last year also he presided over a rally here. He spoke bad words against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community. Another mulla Mugaira came over from Chenab Nagar (Rabwah). He also bad-mouthed the Ahmadis.

Chak 646 GB, Jaranwala; September 2, 2012: A Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held in Chak 646 GB, Jaranwala on September 2, 2012. The conference started at 12 p.m. and lasted an hour. The police were present. The speakers spoke against Ahmadis. One of them said, "Bhutto declared Mirzais non-Muslims in 1973; no relations of any sort should be maintained with them." The clerics incited the audience against Ahmadis; the police were present.

A procession in Sargodha

Sargodha; September 13, 2012: A procession was led by mullas against some statement of the U.S. ambassador. The participants forcibly had the shops and markets shut down. They burnt tyres on the roads. Some mullas spoke against the Ahmadiyya community as well. They got hold of a man who was making a video of the procession, beat him up and announced that he was a Qadiani (Ahmadi), although he was not an Ahmadi.

Mullas pursue mischief in Hazara Division, Abbotabad

September 2012: Mullas Allah Ditta and Allah Wasaya delivered anti-Ahmadiyya sermons at various locations in Hazara Division. A procession was taken out in Abbotabad in which a booklet against Ahmadis was distributed free among the public. Anti-Ahmadiyya Friday sermons were delivered in Abbotabad, Hari Pur, Hattar and Tarbela on September 7. These activities were widely publicized in local newspapers as well.

Hostility in Peshawar

Peshawar; September 2012: Opponents of Ahmadis are very active in this city also. They distributed anti-Ahmadiyya pamphlets in different parts of the city. They published baseless allegations and provoked the readers against Ahmadis. They urged the public to implement a complete social boycott of Ahmadis.

They also pasted anti-Ahmadiyya stickers in local transport, markets and shops. These stickers contained hateful inscriptions against Ahmadis.

They have planned to conduct anti-Ahmadiyya courses fortnightly.

Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Awan, an Ahmadi who is 65 years old, received a threatening letter which conveyed him, "Abandon your beliefs and recant. You are being informed in advance."

Kotli, Azad Kashmir – again in the news

Kotli; September 2012: District Kotli was mentioned repeatedly in our reports last year. This year, the mullas took up the Ahmadiyya issue again, with reference to September 7.

On September 7, 2012 a few mullas made provocative anti-Ahmadiyya speeches in various mosques of this town. In his Friday sermon, a mulla at the mosque of a local college announced the *fatwa* (edict) that Ahmadis were *Kafir* and *Wajib-ul-Qatl* (must be killed). The notorious Pir Atiq-ur-Rahman held an anti-Ahmadi rally in Goi on September 8.

Next week, the Pir had two anti-Ahmadi news items published in the local press. These were half-truths, and were fabricated to incite the public against the Ahmadis.

Stickers and leaflets were widely distributed in Kotli to incite hatred against Ahmadis. The president of the district Ahmadi community is a lecturer at the local college. When he went to his classroom on September 19, 2012, he found anti-Ahmadi stickers on the board, the dais, the walls etc. He disregarded them, taught the class, and thereafter reported the matter to the principal, who visited the location and took away the objectionable scraps.

Hateful propaganda by a PML(N) MPA

Chiniot: MPA Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti who is a member of the ruling PML(N) has recently issued a 4-page hateful pamphlet in response to a suggestion made by some members of the US Congress that anti-Ahmadiyya laws should be repealed. Mr. Chinioti is a mulla who was initially a member of JUI, but was accepted in the PML(N) when it formed the government in the Punjab in 2008.

Chinioti has produced this pamphlet using all his skills in provocation, misquoting, fabrication, duplicity etc. For instance:

- a. Ahmadis propagate Islam which was not taught by Muhammad (PBUH) but by Mirza Qadiani.
- b. According to Qadianis, Muhammad the Prophet is not the Prophet recognized by Muslims, while Mirza himself is the Muhammad the Prophet (sic).
- c. Qadianis do not believe the Book revealed to Muhammad as the Quran, but to them the revelation received by the Mirza is the Quran.
- d. Qadianis are holding important posts in Pakistani government.
- e. Qadianis are outright rebels against the constitution as they do not register as voters in electoral lists.
- f. They do not believe in Jihad.

Mulla Chinioti has finally recommended in his pamphlet that all facilities offered to Qadianis abroad should be withdrawn and the Christian nations should declare them Undesirable (*napasandida*) and impose all bans on them.

The Director of Public Affairs of the Ahmadiyya Community has sent a general letter to all concerned to take appropriate action against the pamphlet and its author. He has mentioned that in a recent sectarian unrest in Chiniot, the situation could be controlled only after hundreds were arrested; as such mulla Chinioti's provocation could precipitate further unrest in this sensitive city that is only 10 kilometers from Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya center.

Chicha Watni – a hub of sectarian mischief

Chicha Watni is a town in District Sahiwal in the Punjab. Mr. Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema, a prominent leader of the disgraced Majlis Ahrar Islam lives here. The famous Munir Commission that held a detailed judicial enquiry into the causes and events of the 1953 anti-Ahmadi riots in the Punjab placed the following observation on record in the Report: "The conduct of the Ahrar calls for the strongest comment and is especially reprehensible. We can use no milder words for the reason that they debased a religious issue by pressing it into service for a temporal purpose and exploited religious susceptibilities and sentiments of the people for their personal ends." (p. 259) Sixty years later Mr. Cheema and his soul-mates are holding up the Ahrar flag and the unworthy modus operandus of exploiting "religious susceptibilities and sentiments of the people for their personal ends."

A few days ago sectarian clerics held a meeting in Chicha Watni and decided to forcibly take over Ahmadiyya properties. They have taken to maintaining a recce of the movement of Ahmadi notables. They have decided to hold an *Ashra* (10-days vigil) of Khatme Nabuwwat. A few days ago there was a fight among two non-Ahmadi groups from Chak 9/11-L, however the mulla party fraudulently named one Basharat Ahmad (Ahmadi) as one of the accused. The mullas had it published as 'news' that Ahmadis had attempted to forcibly shave off the mulla's beard. Later, the same newspaper published a denial of the entire story.

Ahmadis of Chicha Watni have been advised to exercise caution.

Baseless litigation

Mirpur Khas, Sindh: Mr. Shabbir A Baloch and Mr. Naseer A Baloch, Ahmadis are residents at Nafees Nagar Farm and are agriculturists. They rent their agricultural land to others. One, Jamaat Ali, in their neighborhood, is a sectarian bigot and remains busy in fomenting mischief against Ahmadis. Six months ago he had a fabricated case registered with the police against Mr. Tanveer Ahmad, the president of the local community. It was later thrown out as fabrication.

A few months ago, Ali demanded that Shabbir Ahmad hand over his land to him for farming. On refusal, he applied to the local revenue official for obtaining this land on contract. His plea was rejected. Ali, then applied to a human rights NGO who wrote to the Sessions Judge recommending his application. The Judge found it baseless and rejected Ali's request. Thereafter he approached the police and put in a fabricated complaint of violence against the Ahmadis. The FIR was also declared null and void.

Mr. Baloch has been advised caution.

A meeting with DIG Police, Hyderabad region

Hyderabad: The RPO (formerly called DIG) Hyderabad called a meeting of minorities (Hindus, Christians etc) on the issue of security. He was conveyed by Ahmadis that we Ahmadis do not accept ourselves as a Non-Muslim minority, however we are prepared to meet him separately to intimate him our concern about threats posed to our persons and places of worship etc.

Accordingly, Ahmadi leadership from the districts of the Hyderabad Region met him and told him of the ongoing anti-Ahmadiyya campaign in the form of rallies, pamphlets, stickers, wall-chalking etc. He was informed of the anti-Ahmadiyya training courses and sermons etc. He was told that low-ranking officials like the SHOs yielded too readily to pressure from political and religious leaders, and they not only failed to provide protection to the vulnerable Ahmadi community but also registered criminal cases against these victims. The DIG was requested to urge DPOs to take due notice of the anti-Ahmadiyya campaign and ensure that Ahmadis' fundamental rights were not violated.

The DIG heard Ahmadis' concern with apparent sympathy, and promised to look into their grievances and complaints.

Education and Religious discrimination in Pakistan

The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom published a comprehensive report in November 2011. Its title is; **“Connecting the Dots: Education and Religious Discrimination in Pakistan – A study of Public Schools and Madrassas”**. This study was carried out jointly by International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD, a U.S. activity) and Sustainable Policy Institute (SDPI, a Pakistani think tank). The ICRD claimed to have involved over 2700 madrassa leaders from more than 1600 madrassas in Pakistan.

Some extracts fit for record, are produced here:

1. Interviews with public school and madrassa teachers demonstrated that they had limited awareness or understanding of religious minorities and their beliefs, and were divided on whether a religious minority was a citizen. Views expressed by teachers about Ahmadis, Christians, and Jews often were very negative. *Page. no. 11*
2. However, the attitudes toward religious minorities are decidedly mixed, with clear demonstrations of tolerance, understanding and acceptance in both public schools and religious schools (madrassas) on the one hand and equally clear expression of bigotry, ignorance, and hostility in both on the other. *Page. no. 14*

3. Hindus are often singled out for particular criticism in texts and in interview responses, together with Ahmadis. *Page. no. 15*
 4. Many (public school teachers) described Ahmadis as non-Muslims and expressed a particular distaste for them. *Page. no. 16*
 5. A large portion of public school students could not correctly identify religious minorities as citizens. *Page. no. 17*
 6. General Zia-ul-Haq's regime infused the education system with rigid Islamic content. *Page. no. 21*
 7. Students are encountering problems because of their minority status and faith. *Page. no. 23*
 8. Moreover, the Ahmadis – officially declared a minority – refuse to be categorized as non-Muslims. *Page. no. 24*
 9. There is compelling evidence that the non-Muslim law, created for Ahmadis, is being used to discriminate against other minorities in Pakistan. *Page. no. 25*
 10. Religious minorities are often portrayed as inferior or second-class citizens. *Page. no. 42*
 11. The majority of pejorative content came in the form of omissions and distortion of history. *Page. no. 47*
 12. Non-Muslims are never described as citizens (in madrasa text-books) with constitutionally protected rights which accompany citizenship. *Page. no. 51*
 13. Adherents to the Ahmadi practice were widely seen in a pejorative and discriminatory light, and often considered non-Muslims. *Page. no. 57*
 14. Criticism seemed to be focused on Ahmadis, Hindus, and Jews. *Page. no. 58*
 15. Teachers thought that Ahmadis deny of the finality of prophet-hood and held them in general contempt. *Page. no. 59*
 16. There were also instances of negative views towards the Ahmadi sect that were seemingly influenced by the discriminatory constitutional prohibitions. *Page. no. 59*
 17. "Ahmadis are the result of a grim conspiracy of Christians and Jews, and they are just like them; they have turned away from their religion [Islam] and are liable to be killed." – Madrasa Teacher (Balochistan) *Page. no. 69*
 18. Hindus and Ahmadis, as well as Shias, were the targets of a great deal of scorn and hostility. *Page. no. 78*
 19. Students in general had very negative images of Ahmadis. *Page. no. 81*
 20. Students (madrasa) expressed hostility towards Hindus and Ahmadis and held derogatory views regarding their beliefs. *Page. no. 69*
 21. "If there is an Islamic government it will give the death penalty to Ahmadis" – Madrasa student. *Page. no. 107*
- Leonard A. Leo, the USCIRF Chair noted in the Preface to this study: "Views expressed by teachers about Ahmadis, Christians, and Jews often were very negative. Interviews showed that these biased sentiments were transmitted and held by the students."

Another anti-Ahmadi conference programmed at Rabwah

Rabwah: As if the rally held in Rabwah on September 7, 2012 was not enough, the mullas have been permitted to hold another conference in Rabwah on October 4 and 5, 2012.

As before the Ahmadiyya central office has written to authorities to disallow this objectionable sectarian rally by clerics who converge to Rabwah from all over. However, there are no signs that the political authorities will muster enough courage to restrict the religious fanatics in their drive to hold a rally which they claim to be their right.

The Ahmadiyya leadership has suggested to the authorities that in case they are unable to prevent the rally, they should ensure that the participants do not make a nuisance of themselves and do not threaten the peace of the town. Last month, the clerics of Chiniot created a very ugly law and order situation there, and the police had to make hundreds of arrests to ensure peace.

It seems that while the police and the administration are quite capable of controlling the fanatics, it is the political will that is lacking in putting the mulla on the leash.

Ahmadis behind bars

The police charged Mr. Zulfiqar Mangat, his brother Munawar Ahmad Mangat, and Muhammad Arshad on the application of mulla Qari Muhammad Yusuf, under PPC 506/II with FIR no. 374 in police station Kasoki on September 29, 2012. They arrested two Ahmadis, Mr. Zulfiqar Mangat and Mr. Muhammad Arshad.

From the Press

Ahmadi shopkeeper gunned down

Third member of the community to be targeted (in Karachi) in the last 10 days

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, September 17, 2012

Defiling Ahmadis' tombstones by the police in Jaranwala in condemnable: Jamaat Ahmadiyya

The daily Mashraq; Lahore, September 6, 2012

Tehrik Taliban plan to kidnap Sharif brothers and rich Ahmadis: Intelligence Report

The daily Mashraq; Lahore, September 13, 2012

Qadiani should be declared apostates, not minority. Syed Munawwar Hussain Jamati (of Narowal)

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, September 13, 2012

Mirzais are enemies of Islam and Pakistan. We shall wipe them off: Sunni Ulema Convention

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, September 14, 2012

The Chief of Army Staff should outlaw recruitment of Ahmadis in Pakistan Army. There is no way they can be relied upon to defend the country: MPA Maulana Ilyas Chinioti

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, September 8, 2012

Qadianiat is a political movement, not religious: Khatme Nabuwwat Day

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, September 8, 2012

Those who deny End of Prophethood are rebels of Islam and traitors to Pakistan: (mulla) Fazl Karim

Qadianis should be forbidden to call themselves Ahmadis: Chairman Sunni Ittehad Council

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, September 8, 2012

Qadiani lobby is pushing the Ramsha case: Allama Zubair Ahmad Zaheer

The daily Express; Lahore, September 7, 2012

14 Killed in Parachinar sectarian attack

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 11, 2012

10 Killed in attack on PAF vehicle

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 20, 2012

Twin blasts hit Bohra Community in Karachi. Infant, six others killed (predominately Bohris)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 19, 2012

Bomb blows up Dir van: 16 killed

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 17, 2012

Lal Masjid chief cleric acquitted in Rangers murder case

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 11, 2012

Militants become active at behest of (Govt) agency, NA told

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 6, 2012

45 organizations banned in 11 years

Although Interior Minister Rehman Malik has been claiming that banned organizations are under strict obscuration, they are freely operating in the country.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 10, 2012

Anti-Islam film. Protests reverberate across Muslim World.

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, September 15, 2012

19 Killed on Ishq Rasul Day protests

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, September 22, 2012

50 injured as film protest turns violent in Islamabad

The daily The News; Lahore, September 21, 2012

Countrywide protests against the blasphemous movie. 4 dead, numerous arrested.

The daily Mashraq; Lahore, September 15, 2012

OIC warns turmoil over French cartoons

The daily The News; Lahore, September 21, 2012

US envoy, 3 other Americans killed in Libya attack

The daily The News; Lahore, September 13, 2012

Ashraf seeks UN law to ban hate speech

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, September 22, 2012

Burning of church in Mardan condemned

The daily The News; Lahore, September 23, 2012

10 laborers gunned down in Mastung

The daily The News; Lahore, September 14, 2012

Minister (MQM) resigns over deadly Karachi fire

The daily Din; Lahore, September 15, 2012

PM assures SC of writing letter

The daily The News; Lahore, September 19, 2012

Worst blaze in Karachi history. 325 labourers die. No space in mortuaries.

The daily Mashraq; Lahore, September 13, 2012

Bank Rd (Lahore): 25 laborers burnt alive in factory fire

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, September 12, 2012