



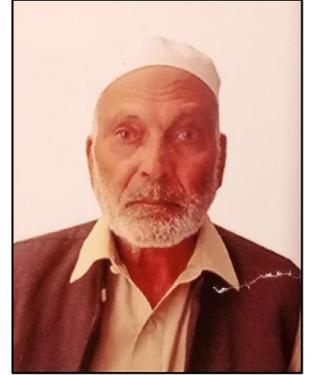
INCIDENT REPORT



82 Year-Old Ahmadi Muslim Shot Dead in Peshawar

8 November 2020

- Another innocent Ahmadi Muslim murdered on grounds of faith
- This is part of an ongoing hate campaign against Ahmadi Muslims
- Peshawar has seen a rise of anti-Ahmadi activity and the Government has repeatedly failed to stop the violence and protect its Ahmadi Muslim citizens



On Sunday 8 November 2020, 82-year-old Mr. Mahboob Khan, an Ahmadi Muslim resident of Peshawar, was shot at close range while waiting at the bus stop on his way home from visiting his daughter.

Mr. Khan, a retired public servant, was killed when an unknown assailant fired towards his head. He had been facing previous persecution for his faith. **His murder is now the fourth incident of such nature in Peshawar against members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the past four months.** He leaves behind a 70-year-old widow, two sons, and two daughters.

Mr. Saleem-ud-Din, spokesperson for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan, strongly condemned the incident and has called on the Government of Pakistan to take decisive action. He went on to say that **there has been a significant rise in hate against Ahmadi Muslims in recent months and that the 'sense of insecurity and fear' has increased at an alarming rate.**

Ahmadi Muslims are targeted by anti-Ahmadi laws in Pakistan that prescribe three years imprisonment (or death under the blasphemy laws), for an Ahmadi Muslim call themselves Muslims or to refer to their faith as Islam. This is a stark denial of human rights.

ACTION

We urge the UK Government to press the Government of Pakistan to:

- Immediately bring the murderers of Mahboob Ahmad to justice;
- Uphold its obligations under the rule of law to protect its citizens; and
- Uphold its obligations under the international human rights framework to grant complete freedom of religion.

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