



INCIDENT REPORT



Government Minister calls for Ahmadi Muslims to be punished by death

Pakistan's State Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Mr Ali Muhammad Khan has recently supported an anti-Ahmadiyya twitter campaign by calling for Ahmadis to be punished by death.

On 29 April 2020, Mr Khan tweeted including the words *"the only punishment for blasphemers is beheading."* His tweets before and after the above-mentioned tweet refers to Ahmadi Muslims as blasphemers and it is clear from the context that he is referring to Ahmadi Muslims.



This is an incredibly worrying development for a community which is already vulnerable and at serious risk of persecution in Pakistan. Endorsement by a Senior Government Minister only heightens safety concerns for Ahmadi Muslims as the statement effectively provides Governmental support for killing in the name of religion. Mr Khans tweet has received 28.7K likes and has been widely retweeted by 4.1K users.

This is unacceptable and the Government must do more to protect Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan and to uphold their basic human rights and safety concerns.

ACTION

We urge the Government of Pakistan to

- hold the Minister to account for his actions
- condemn the online Anti-Ahmadiyya campaign
- uphold its obligations under the international human rights framework
- ensure Ahmadis are safeguarded from harm resulting from this tweet

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