



BRIEFING UPDATE

PERSECUTION OF AHMADI MUSLIMS IN PAKISTAN

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Ahmadi Muslim children expelled from school on grounds of faith



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Headlines

DESECRATION OF TWO AHMADI MUSLIM MOSQUES

In Gojra, Toba Tek Singh, the minarets of the local Ahmadi mosque were demolished by police.

A mosque in Bhlair, District Kasur, was made to cover up its minarets and niche. The mosque on Martin Road, Karachi, is also under serious threat.

21 Ahmadi Muslim mosques have been desecrated since January 2021.

SEE PAGES 3-4 FOR MORE DETAILS

FOUR AHMADI MUSLIM CHILDREN EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL FOR THEIR FAITH

Four Ahmadi Muslim children were expelled from their school on the basis of their faith alone. The Educators Schools Network in Attock removed the students because they identified as Ahmadi Muslims, denying them of their right to an education.

SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE DETAILS

ANTI-AHMADI MUSLIM RALLIES & CONFERENCES

Two anti-Ahmadi rallies were held in Rabwah, the headquarters of the Ahmadi Muslim Community in Pakistan, and in Sargodha, a neighbouring city. People joining the rally in Sargodha shouted abuse at local Ahmadi Muslims' houses. The conference in Rabwah saw the gathering of well-known anti-Ahmadi Muslim scholars who vowed to eliminate the Community.

SEE PAGES 6 AND 8 FOR MORE DETAILS

DID YOU KNOW?

AHMADIS FACE THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAWS FOR:

- Self-identifying as a Muslim
- Calling their place of worship a 'Masjid'
- Making the call to prayer (Azan)
- Preaching or propagating their faith

AHMADIS HAVE TO DELCARE THEMSELVES AS NON-MUSLIM TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AND STAND FOR ELECTION

MINARET OF AHMADI MUSLIM MOSQUE DEMOLISHED BY THE POLICE

Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh; September 13, 2022:

In Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, the minaret of the local Ahmadi Muslim mosque was destroyed by the police under pressure by anti-Ahmadi scholars. On 13 September, the police told the Ahmadi Muslims that a complaint had been made against the minaret on their mosque. The Deputy Superintendent sent for members of the community later in the day and told them to destroy the minaret quickly and to relocate any families residing in the area due to the threat of an attack.

The Ahmadi Muslims told the police that they would not remove the minaret themselves; the police threatened to hold them accountable if any riots were to take place. Thirteen policemen arrived soon after to demolish the only remaining minaret of the mosque – the other having been destroyed in the riots of 1974 against the community.



BEFORE



AFTER

MINARETS OF AHMADI MUSLIM MOSQUE COVERED UP

Bhlair, District Kasur; September 15, 2022:

In Bhlair, District Kasur, the police went to the local Ahmadi Muslim mosque and told the community to remove the minarets by 10am the next morning after a complaint had been made by Mr Rana Nazar Hussain, a resident of the neighbouring village. The Ahmadi Muslims were threatened with the registration of a First Information Report if they did not take them down. The District Police Officer stated that the minarets should be taken down from that mosque because the mosque in Patuki does not have minarets.

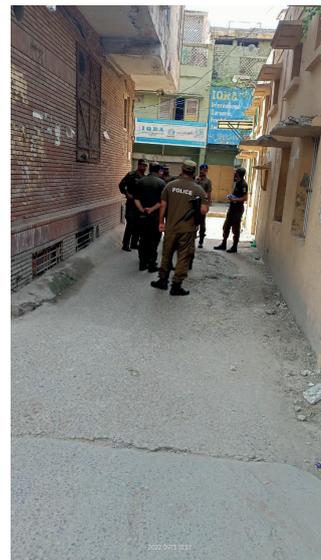
On 17 September, the local president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was informed that members of the Tehreek Labaik party were heading towards the village. The police once again told the Ahmadi Muslims to remove the minarets. Later, the Ahmadi Muslims were made to sign an affidavit that the minarets and niche would be covered up so they could not be seen. A wall has been erected to cover the niche and cement or fibre sheets used to cover the minarets.



ATTEMPT ARSON ATTACK ON AHMADI MUSLIM MOSQUE

Rawalpindi; August 30, 2022:

On 30 August, an unidentified man attempted to set alight the Ahmadi Muslim mosque on Murree Road, Rawalpindi. He was unsuccessful and the incident was reported to the police who inspected the site on 13 September. Enquiries were made to the locals.



AHMADI MUSLIMS TOLD TO STOP PRIVATE GATHERINGS

Lahore: Karak House is a property owned by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Lahore and is used for meetings and other religious purposes. Opponents of the Community have sought to obstruct these gatherings even if done in private settings such as Karak House. The Military Estates office, in conjunction with the Law Ministry, recently sent a new notice to the Ahmadi Muslims to stop these meetings.

FALSE APPLICATION AGAINST AHMADI MUSLIMS FILED IN COURT

Chak No. 46 North, District Sargodha; September 2022:

A complaint was filed against seven Ahmadi Muslims by Mr Asad Akram Khachela under sections 22-A and 22-B of the Pakistan Penal Code. The petition to the Sessions Judge stated that the local Ahmadi Muslim mosque in Chak No. 46 North, District Sargodha, had minarets, a copy of the Holy Quran with an Ahmadi Muslim translation, and a booklet written by the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The Sessions Judge informed the police of the complaint and a report was made.

In the investigation, the police found that the two small minarets were over 40 years old and there was no evidence regarding the booklet. No loudspeaker was installed either so no audible call to prayer could be made. Later it was found that the application to the Sessions Judge was false and had no evidence behind it.

FOUR AHMADI MUSLIM CHILDREN EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL FOR THEIR FAITH

Mithial, District Attock; September 22, 2022: The following report was issued on September 24, 2022 (extracts): CHILDREN IN PAKISTAN EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL JUST FOR BEING AHMADI MUSLIM WITH BLATANT DISCRIMINATION & DENIAL OF RIGHT TO EDUCATION

A school in Pakistan has expelled four Ahmadi students merely on the basis of their faith and belief.

In a shocking expulsion document, the franchise of The Educators Schools Network in Attock, Pakistan blatantly violated the basic human right to education.

In its expulsion document, the Principal wrote:

“The following students who were studying in this institute are being withdrawn on the basis of Qadianiat [a derogatory term for Ahmadis] Religion.”

We add the following information and developments received subsequently. These children were studying in this school, The Educators (Mithial Campus), for the last three years. Their names and classes are as follows:

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|------------------------|-----------|
| • Miss Hazifa Nasir | Class III |
| • Miss Anila Aaqib | Class VI |
| • Mr. Abir Ahmad Saifi | Class IX |
| • Miss Namrah Qureshi | Class X |

Anti-Ahmadi hate campaign has gone on in this area for long, and the authorities have done little to confront it or reduce it. For example, a cricket tournament is held regularly in Kasran, and the publicity posters mention specifically: “Qadianis are not allowed to participate in it.” The authorities let it pass as if unnoticed.

This hate campaign had entered the school as well and the Ahmadi children faced ill-will, ridicule and harassment from some of their fellow students and even some teaching staff. Reportedly there was pressure, in-ternal as well as external, on the lady principal to throw out the Ahmadi students. It is learnt that the principal, unwillingly and woefully, issued the following certificate:

“The following students who were studying in this institute are being withdrawal on the basis of Qadianiat Religion. “Institute is unable to keep continue their study from now onward.” (sic)

The issue got publicity on social media etc, and some sections of H.R. organizations, journalists and civil society expressed their concern over it. The BBC issued a report on the incident in its bbc.com/urdu; so did the independenturdu.com. As a result, some senior officials in the district administration, education, police and the school management had a meeting with the parents of the victims and decided to step backward from the ex-pulsion of the children from the school. The principal was good enough to apologize over the incident.

The school administration, thereafter, asked the parents to sign a statement of reconciliation. The parents felt hesitant to do that without further consultation and deliberation, as sending the children back to the school in the resultant atmosphere of greater hostility and prejudice might be of the unacceptable degree.

See Annex I for the withdrawal notice.

AHMADI MUSLIM RECEIVES THREAT CALL

Rawalpindi; September 2022:

Ahmadi Muslim Mr Irfan Ahmad Qureshi, who has lived in Rawalpindi for the past 43 years, received a call from someone who identified themselves as a member of the Al-Mujahid organisation. The caller asked Mr Qureshi "Are you a Qadiani [derogatory term for an Ahmadi Muslim]?". When Mr Qureshi replied in the affirmative, the caller made abusive remarks about the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and told Mr Qureshi to remain alert as he was pursuing him.

AHMADI MUSLIM REPORTED BY COLLEAGUES

Samanabad, District Faisalabad; September 2022:

Mr Abdul Hanan, an Ahmadi Muslim living in Samanabad, Faisalabad, was invited to join a new company after they were impressed by his work in his previous role. Upon hearing of his promotion, his colleagues became jealous and started harassing Mr Hanan over his faith. Reports were made to the police that Mr Hanan was an Ahmadi Muslim and that preached Ahmadiyyat. The police may charge him under the blasphemy laws.

AHMADI MUSLIM RECEIVES THREATS TO LIFE

Khana Mianwali, District Narowal; September 2022:

Ahmadi Muslim Mr Sai fur Rehman runs a business in Khana Mianwali, District Narowal. A non-Ahmadi Muslim, Mr Muhammad Waris, demanded a free product from Mr Rehman. On 17 September, Mr Waris repeated his demands over the phone to Mr Rehman and said he was Wajib ul Qatl [must be killed].

ANTI-AHMADI MUSLIM RALLY IN SARGODHA

Silanwali, District Sargodha; August 24, 2022:

In Silanwali, Sargodha, an anti-Ahmadi Muslim rally was held on 24 August by Khatme Nabuwwat. Attendees of the rally shouted abuse at Ahmadi Muslims' homes. The next day, another conference was held. Speeches were made against Ahmadi Muslims; the speakers forbade members in the audience to do any business with them and encouraged a social boycott. They claim that all Islamic sects in Silanwali have formed a coalition against the Community.

NEIGHBORS HOLD ANTI-AHMADI MUSLIM MEETING

Sharqpur Khurd, Kot Abdul Malik, District Sheikhpura; September 2022:

In Sharqpur Khurd, Kot Abdul Malik, District Sheikhpura, a gathering of anti-Ahmadi Muslim scholars was organised by the neighbour of Ahmadi Muslim Mr Basharat Ahmad. The audience were instructed to refuse to do business with Ahmadi Muslims and take legal action if an Ahmadi Muslim offered Salaam.

BOARD INSTALLED OUTSIDE AHMADI MUSLIM MOSQUE

Ghoghyat, District Sargodha; September 2022:

On 10 September, Mr Malik Muhammad Yaqoob, leader of Tehreek Labbaik Pakistan in Sargodha, released a video message demanding that the district administration remove the minarets and niche within two days or they would do it themselves. Mr Yaqoob also said that the responsibility for any loss of life or fighting would lie with the Sargodha

3. Invite Muslims to their marriage ceremonies
4. Participate in the marriage ceremonies of Muslims
5. Promote Quranic teachings
6. Carry the Holy Quran
7. Carry out Qurbani [sacrifice of animals]
8. Offer ritual prayers in public

administration. Following some negotiations the next day, Mr Yaqoob released another message saying his people should remain peaceful. In their meeting with the police, the TLP raised a number of other points regarding Ahmadi Muslims. He demanded that Ahmadi Muslims should not be allowed to:

1. Say *Salaam* in public
2. Participate in Muslim funerals

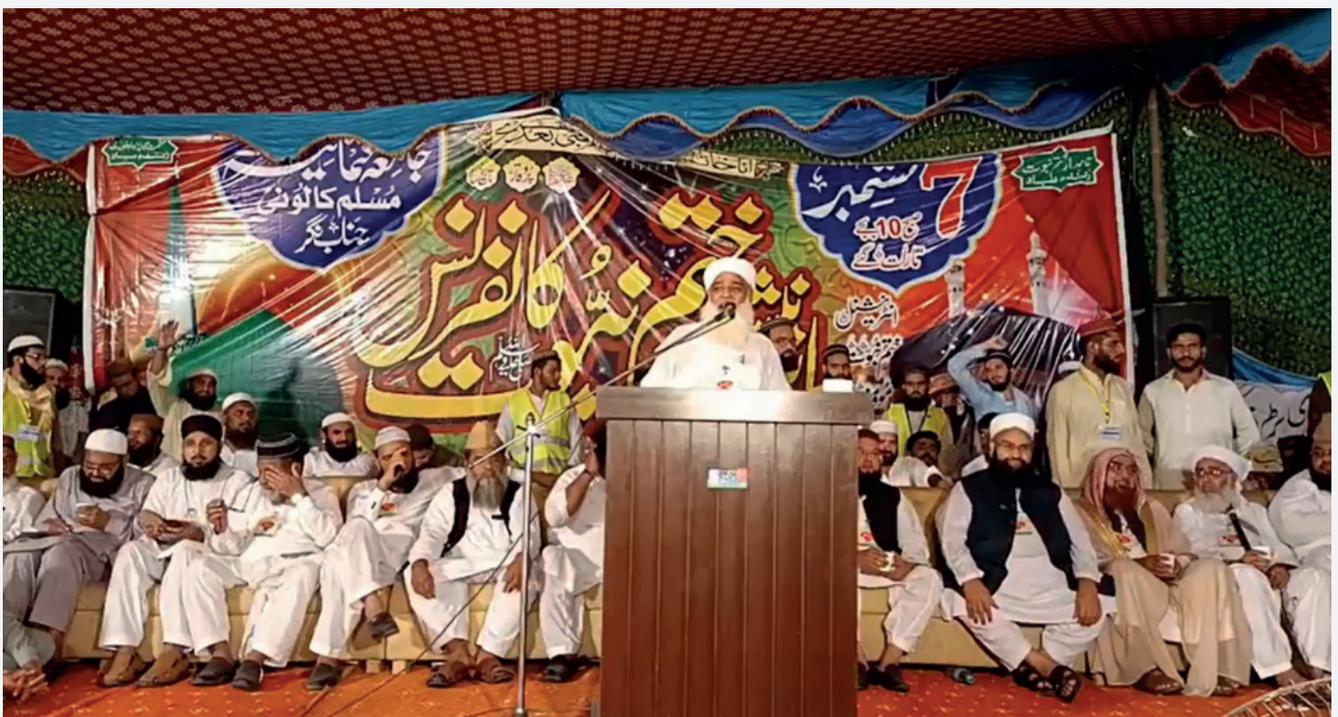
The police met with the local Ahmadi Muslims and told them a board would be installed outside the mosque stating "This is not a Muslims' mosque; it is a place of worship for the (Qadiani) Jamaat [Community]".

ANTI-AHMADI CONFERENCE IN RABWAH

Rabwah; September 7, 2022:

To commemorate the ratification of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan, that declared Ahmadi Muslims as non-Muslims, rallies were held on 7 September. A number of influential scholars made speeches against Ahmadi Muslims stating that they were apostates, outside the circle of Islam, and spreading lies that the Community was created by the British to cause division amongst Muslims.

700 attended this rally in Rabwah - the headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan. Participants paid respects to the members of the 1974 Assembly who passed the 2nd Amendment. Dozens of resolutions were also made including: strict regulation of Ahmadi Muslim NGOs operating in the flood relief effort and the implementation of the Shariah apostasy punishment under law.



CRIMINAL CASE REGISTERED AGAINST AHMADI MUSLIMS USING PRIVATE BUILDING

Karachi; September 2022:

A complaint was raised against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Karachi over their use of Ahmadiyya Hall – a building they have been using for religious purposes for over half a century. The report to the police stated that it looked too similar to a mosque and Muslims could mistake it for such. Along with the arrest of four Ahmadi Muslims and the executive committee of the mosque, the complaint also demanded the demolition of the minarets, niche, and dome.

Following no response from the police, the complainant approached a sessions court. The Jamshed Quarters police station simultaneously registered a criminal case, under sections 298-B and 298-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, against the four named Ahmadi Muslims in the initial complaint.

AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

1

Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, etc. were booked on May 26, 2020 with FIR Nr. 29/2020 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 R/W, 2016-PECA-11. Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department of Federal Investigation Agency arrested Mr. Rohan Ahmad.

Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were arrested dated 30.09.2020 on reporting to the FIA office; they are in Camp Jail Lahore.

Syed Ali Abbas, Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the charge sheet on June 29, 2021. Thus, they are now exposed to penalty of death.

The SC rejected their post-arrest bail application. Now the accused filed review petition before Supreme Court of Pakistan.

3

Mr. Shiraz Ahmad etc. were booked by Cyber Crime Police Station Lahore on June 20, 2019 under FIR Nr. 88, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11, for allegedly creating a group "Sindh Salamat" and allegedly sharing Ahmadi content in it. He was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021. Subsequently the trial court added section 295C of PPC to the said case.

2

Mr. Abdul Majeed s/o Mr. Abdul Waheed, resident of Shaheen Muslim Town, Taj Chowk, Phandu Road, District Peshawar, aged 20, was accused of blasphemy by a minor named Mr. Imran Ali. The police succumbed to the pressure of the mullas and registered a fabricated case against him under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 which carries a sentence of death, on September 10, 2020 with FIR Nr. 648 at police station Phandu, Peshawar. He was arrested on 13.09.2020. He is currently in Peshawar Jail. His trial goes on in the sessions court.

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Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020 in a fabricated case under Sections 298-C, 295-B, PECA-11 and 109. He was granted bail on February 23, 2021 and was expected to be released in four to five days after paper formalities. On February 27, when Malik Zaheer Ahmad was expected to be released from the Camp Jail, the Cyber Crime Wing Lahore team arrested him under FIR Nr. 88 as outlined in the above case, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in the case.

As of Sep 30, 2022:

- 11 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- 13 Ahmadis were arrested during August 2022 with 5 still behind bars for sacrificing animals on Eid.
- A 65 year old Ahmadi lady and another Ahmadi were arrested under blasphemy clauses during February for allegedly tearing off an anti-Ahmadi poster. They both were released on bail. Their trial continues.
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student is in jail under PPC 295-C (blasphemy clause).
- 2 Ahmadi prisoner died while in police custody (Feb. 2021 & Jan 2022.)

5

Mr. Zafar Ali and his father Mr. Arshad Pervaiz of Chak 84 Sarshamir, District Faisalabad were booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 845 at police station Thekri Wala, District Faisalabad on July 10, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. They are in District Jail Faisalabad.

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Mr. Saeed Ahmad, Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Mr. Imran Ahmad and Mr. Atif Ahmad of Chak 89 GB, Rattan District Faisalabad were booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 842 at police station Thekri Wala, District Faisalabad on July 10, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. The first-mentioned three Ahmadis were arrested and are in District Jail, Faisalabad.

RIGHT TO VOTE FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

TO PARTAKE IN ELECTIONS AHMADI MUSLIMS ARE PLACED ON A SEPARATE ELECTORAL LISTS, THEY ARE GIVEN THE CHOICE;

1. **REMAIN ON THE LIST AND VOTE AS A NON-MUSLIM** (REQUIRES TO ACCEPT NON-MUSLIM STATUS)
2. **COME OFF THAT LIST AND VOTE AS A MUSLIM** (REQUIRES TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION)

BOTH CHOICES ARE INCONCEIVABLE TO AHMADI MUSLIMS

DECLARATIONS BY THE CANDIDATE ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

(iii) I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophet-hood of Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), the last of the Prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

[Note: This paragraph is for Muslim candidates only and is not applicable to non-Muslim candidates.]

DECLARATION AND OATH TO REGISTER AS A MUSLIM VOTER ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

I, _____(name of the voter), do solemnly swear that I believe, in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

(Name & Signature of Voter)

SOME RELEVANT PAKISTAN PENAL CODES

Injuring or defiling places of worship, with the intent to insult the religion of any class

295

Up to two years' imprisonment or fine, or both

Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs

295 A

Up to ten years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Defiling, etc., of the Holy Quran

295 B

Life imprisonment

Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet

295 C

Death and fine

Uttering words, etc., with the deliberate intent to injure religious feelings

298

Up to one year imprisonment or fine, or both

Use of derogatory remarks etc., in respect of holy personages

298 A

Three years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles etc., reserved for certain holy personages or places, by Ahmadis

298 B

Three years' imprisonment and fine

An Ahmadi, calling himself a Muslim, or preaching or propagating his faith, or outraging the religious feelings of Muslims, or posing himself as a Muslim

298 C

Three years' imprisonment and fine

Persecution Facts

SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 5 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 275 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 17 murder attempts, 10 attacks during the current year.
- 2 Ahmadi prisoner died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- 21 Ahmadi mosques have been desecrated, 1 mosque sealed by the authorities. 2 desecrated in Sep.
- 235 graves have been desecrated, 173 of these were during 2022 and 53 during this month.
- 36 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws, 10 of these were registered last month. A criminal case was registered against 8 Ahmadis in Sep.
- Sacred inscription from 19 houses and shops have been removed

AHMADI CENSORSHIP

- The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has blocked 20 non-Pakistan based foreign websites affiliated with the worldwide community and properly registered in their respective countries. PTA has also issued notices to their operators with criminal prosecution for violating Pakistan's blasphemy and anti-Ahmadiyya laws. According to PTA any website that portrays Ahmadis as Muslims will be blocked in Pakistan.
- Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has ordered that Ahmadi channels (MTA) should not be carried by any distribution service licensee.
- In 1996, the government of Punjab issued a notification to return all nationalized educational institutions, that affected the community's 8 Schools and 2 colleges which were nationalized in 1972. Despite fulfilling all terms and conditions, and regardless of repeated requests and numerous reminders, the community's institutions are not denationalized.
- The entire population of Rabwah i.e. Ahmadiyya headquarters in Pakistan, was charged under section PPC 298-C on Dec. 15, 1989, and again on June 8, 2008. (Rabwah population is approximately 60,000.)
- The government has banned all outdoor rallies & conferences of Ahmadis in Rabwah.
- The government of Punjab has banned the publishing of the Quran and its translation
- The government of Punjab has banned the entire written works of the Founder of Ahmadiyyat.
- Ahmadiyya daily newspaper and periodicals for women, youth, children and elders were banned by a Punjab government notification.
- Authorities have prohibited sports events organized at a community level.

Withdrawal From School on the Basis of Qadianiat Religion

The following students who were studying in this institute are being withdrawal on the basis of Qadianiat Religion.

Institute is unable to keep continue their study from now onward.

Sr#	Student Name	Class	Remarks
1	M Huzaifa Nasir	3 rd	
2	Aneela Aqib	6 th	
3	Abeer Ahmed Saifi	9 th	
4	Nimra Qureshi	10 th	

Principal

Mrs. Kulsoom Awan


Principal
Kulsoom Awan (Ms. Finance)
The Educators School Mithal Campus

In Pakistan, Ahmadi Muslims are the only community who are:

Explicitly targeted by the constitutional and criminal laws

Denied voting rights for more than 35 years

Subjected to a publications ban on their entire religious texts



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