



## INCIDENT REPORT

### **AHMADI LAWYER BRUTALLY BEATEN AND ARRESTED DUE TO MUSLIM NAME "SYED", IN KARACHI PAKISTAN**

IHRC informs you with great grief and sorrow that today on April 27th 2023, a senior member of the Karachi High Court Bar Association and a known Ahmadi Lawyer Mr. Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq has been the victim of a very unfortunate and rather gruesome and inhumane act by his fellow lawyers in the premises of the Court, while he was appearing in a case.

Mr. Ali Tariq was physically beaten by the lawyers within the court premises and was dragged all the way to the local police station claiming that he, being an Ahmadi, cannot use the names "Syed" and "Ahmad" in his name, which happen to be his identity.

Mr. Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq is a Syed by caste and today he was victimised not only on the basis of his **belief** but astonishingly also on the basis of his **caste** (Syed).

Mr. Ali Ahmad Tariq was surprisingly charged under the section 298-B of the Pakistan Penal code.

We must look back now at all those times that such issues went unnoticed and unaccounted for by the State institutions. Just recently, the District Bar Council of Gujranwala, Punjab, Pakistan, also issued a notice dated 07 March 2023 that with immediate effect Ahmadi Lawyers will not be admitted to the Bar Council unless they sign an affidavit condemning the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community as a liar and a fraudulent claimant of prophethood. See [IHRC Incident Report](#) dated 15th March 2023.

This is just a glimpse of a much gruesome fate that the lawyers in Pakistan have been suffering for a long time now and will go on to suffer for a longer period of time ahead if appropriate actions for the safeguard of these law-abiding citizens is not ensured.

The time has gone where Ahmadis were persecuted based upon their beliefs and religious practises as even the identity and ethnicity of Ahmadis is no longer safe in Pakistan.

This act comes today as a result of all the unlawful and inhumane persecution that Ahmadis have been facing for decades now in every street, market, religious places and even their own homes. Today these unlawful

persecutions have risen to the level that even the privileged class is not safe from these practises.

We urge lawyers all over the world to take notice of these recent escalation in targeting defenders of human rights and the rule of law in Pakistan in order to further persecute peaceful members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

We once again urge the international community to pressure the Government of Pakistan to honour its responsibility to provide protection to all its citizens, ensure freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and bring perpetrators of such vicious attacks to justice.

The Government of Pakistan must also bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 2, 18 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

On July 13, 2021, UN human rights experts expressed their deep concern over the lack of attention to the serious human rights violations perpetrated against the Ahmadiyya community around the world and called on the international community to maximize their efforts in bringing an end to the ongoing persecution of Ahmadis.

IHRC has been striving for many years to inform the world regarding the atrocities, brutalities and inhumane persecution that the Ahmadi Muslims endure due to their faith.

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