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PRESS RELEASE

SHOCKING VIDEO OF CHILD INCITING HATRED AGAINST AHMADI MUSLIMS IN PAKISTAN GOES VIRAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA

A shocking <u>video</u>¹ of a young male child is seen shouting slogans against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan has gone viral on social media. The young child calls "Qadianis" (a derororary word for Ahmadi Muslims) as "Kafirs" infidels.

In the video the young male child is shouting:

"Qadiani's were Infidels Yesterday

And even today Qadiani's are infidel

Also, the one who supports a Qadiani is an infidel

Qadiani is an Infidel

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Labbaik Labbaik Ya Rasool Allah (We're here, we're here O Prophet of Allah)

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The Seal of the Prophets".

This video is shocking because it shows the indoctrination of young children in Pakistan against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. It shows the hatred and incitement of violence against Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan is not just done by the mature adults of Pakistan but also the young children are also joining in.

This is deeply worrying, and the International Community must act now. It is these children who are going to grow up to be the future leaders of Pakistan and their hatred and prejudice at such a young age is deeply troubling. The International Community must ensure the youth of Pakistan are raised with tolerance, compassion and open-mindedness in line with International Human Rights Law as well as the Teachings of Islam.



Screenshot of the shocking video that has gone viral on social media of a young male child, which is seen shouting slogans against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan.

¹ Link to a translated & subtitled video: https://bit.ly/AntiAhmadi18

Such language is completely unacceptable and should not be taken lightly. Persecution against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has reached new heights in 2023 with 39 Mosques and Minarets of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Mosques all over Pakistan being deliberately destroyed, desecrated, vandalised and in some cases even knocked down and Ahmadi Muslims graveyards are not spared from the hatred either. Their graveyards are destroyed and desecrated.

Unfortunately, this is an indication of the unabated continuation of the demonisation, vilification and threatening of the community by radical clerics and is a denial of the basic freedoms of belief as enshrined in international human rights law.

Ahmadi Muslims are severely persecuted in Pakistan by both the state and the religious clergy and are unable to call themselves Muslims. Their shops are looted, false cases are made against them, and their Mosques are vandalised, all under the watch of the authorities.

We urge the international community and human rights groups to call out the on-going injustice and urge the government of Pakistan to immediately cease the spread of such hatred in the country.

We once again strongly urge the international community to impress upon the Government of Pakistan to honor its responsibility to provide effective protection and freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and to bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 20.

Human rights groups have repeatedly 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 step up efforts in bringing an end to the ongoing persecution of Ahmadis.

We once again urge the international community to pressure the Government of Pakistan to honor 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 step up efforts in bringing an end to the ongoing persecution of Ahmadis.

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