



INCIDENT REPORT

ANOTHER SAVAGE ACT OF VICIOUSNESS AGAINST THE AHMADIS IN PIND DADAN KHAN, DISTRICT JHELUM, PAKISTAN

Governments and various human rights organisations have remained silent spectators, most inhuman persecution by religious fanatics and state machinery of Pakistan has been allowed to carry on... **The target** - Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan.

The Ahmadis in Pakistan continuously suffer acts of violence often perpetrated by extremist Mullah elements in society and supported by law enforcement agencies. A recent attack on an Ahmadi Mosque in Pind Dadan Khan, District Jhelum has taken place on 31st May and 1st June 2022, where the minarets of the Baitul Hamd Mosque have been demolished and the old graves of Ahmadis desecrated.



Photos of Ahmadi Mosque Baitul Hamd, before and after the Minarets were demolished. These minarets were built on the mosque in 1952, well before 1974 when the Pakistani parliament declared Ahmadis as "non-Muslim" and made the profession and practice of their religion punishable by fines and even death (on 1st June 2022 in Pind Dadan Khan, District Jhelum, Pakistan)



Photos of old Ahmadi graves before and after the desecration of tombstones – where the Islamic inscriptions had been written well before 1974 when the Pakistani parliament declared Ahmadis as "non-Muslim" and made the profession and practice of their religion punishable by fines and even death (on 31st May 2022 in Pind Dadan Khan, District Jhelum, Pakistan)

A complaint was lodged by Mr. Naveed Shahzad (member of the Tehreek Labaik Pakistan) that the Ahmadi Mosque had minarets and there were Islamic inscriptions on the old graves. The minarets have been on the Mosque since 1952 and similarly the graves with Islamic inscriptions have also been there since.

The Administration took immediate notice of the complaint and both the Assistant Commissioner and the Deputy Superintendent of Police had the minarets destroyed and removed the Islamic inscriptions from the graves instead of protecting the properties of Ahmadi citizens.

This is a malicious act of violence for which the local law enforcement agencies are equally responsible that instead of protecting the rights of Ahmadis they side to side with the extremist elements and violate all norms of decency and continually encourage these perpetrators to carry out acts of torture and violence against innocent Ahmadis.

It is now almost 50 years, when in 1974, the parliament declared Ahmadis as "non-Muslim" and made the profession and practice of their religion punishable by fines and even death.

It is well known how the members of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan are facing ferocious persecution in every aspect of their lives. They are deprived of not only freedom of religion but all fundamental freedoms and equal citizen rights.

For fifty years the Ahmadis have been hounded, persecuted, jailed, and murdered by religious fanatics supported by state machinery and the government, military or civilian. Thousands of Ahmadis have migrated to Europe, USA, and Canada to escape the Draconian laws against them in Pakistan.

There is an increase in faith-based attacks on Ahmadis residing all over Pakistan. Despite such incidents the government and law enforcement agencies have failed to protect members of the Ahmadiyya Community and in curbing the hate speech. This continuous persecution testifies to the utter disregard of the Community's rights in Pakistan and creates a deep sense of insecurity within the Community.

The fact of the matter is that there is alarming increase in hate campaign activities against the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan. The killing and murder of Ahmadis has become the norm in Pakistan of which the government hardly takes any notice. Threats and attempts to kill Ahmadis have increased in virtually in every part of Pakistan. Now, even the dead Ahmadis are not safe from Anti-Ahmadi actions in Pakistan.

We keep the world community informed in the hope that it will take a stern view of these horrific acts of barbarism in Pakistan and assure the safety and security of law-abiding members of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan.

Once again, we call upon all concerned to take notice of such terrible acts of oppression and draw the attention of the Government of Pakistan to honour their commitment to protecting the rights of all minorities. In particular, the Ahmadi Muslims who are the victims of State sponsored persecution.

On 13 July 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.

We repeatedly and strongly urge the international community to impress upon the Government of Pakistan to honour its responsibility, to provide effective protection and freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, that perpetrators of such vicious attacks should be brought to justice, and to bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 20, United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 2, 18 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

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