



PRESS BRIEF

STATE AND NON-STATE ACTORS COLLABORATE TO INSTIGATE HATRED AGAINST AHMADIS: "QADIANIS (AHMADIS) ARE TRAITORS..THEY SHOULD BE EXPELLED FROM PAKISTAN"

Hate speech against Ahmadis is not considered an offence in Pakistan and anybody may spread hatred against Ahmadis while declaring them infidels and traitors.

A video got viral on social media, a while ago, in which a person is declaring Ahmadis as traitors and asking the audience to start a campaign against Ahmadis and audience including personals of law enforcing agencies were clapping.

A wave of videos are circulating from the extremist declaring **"jihad"** (Holy war) against the already persecuted and ostracised peaceful Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Calling upon Muslims to **"cut the tongue"** and **"strike down the hand"**, whilst referring to whilst others also repeatedly all on the beheading of Qadyanis (a derogatory term for Ahmadis), whilst others also repeatedly call for the the beheading of Qadyanis.



Link to the subtitled and archived version of the original "viral" video:
<https://youtu.be/OzuDyFM4xRY>

In another video is circulating on social media made by a Pakistan based hate organisation Khatmae Nabuwat in which not only Ahmadi Muslims, but all the human rights defenders, advocates and politicians, are the target of hate speech.

In 2016, hate preached in Pakistan was manifested when a hate preacher murdered an innocent Ahmadi Muslim who fled persecution. This was the case in Glasgow when a religious fanatic approached and asked Ahmad (a shopkeeper) to raise slogans of a radical Islamic party. He repeatedly attacked Ahmad with a dagger and killed him for not chanting the slogans.

This is alarming because in the past in Pakistan the former Governor of Punjab Salman Taseer was assassinated by one of his bodyguards for supporting the human rights of the minorities in Pakistan. We have repeatedly seen how social media and hate preachers have successfully

manipulated and indoctrinated religious fanatics to carry out attacks, when necessary.

As an immediate step, we urgently request all Government to review the safety of its present and former public office holders who support the human rights of the Ahmadi Muslims.

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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ANNEXURE A:

English translation of the anti-Ahmadiyya viral video on social media, in which personnel of law enforcing agencies were clapping:

I have repeatedly said that sectarian divide between Shia, Sunni, Barelvi, Deobandi is not a threat for Pakistan. A few days back when there were cricket matches going on between in Dubai and some people were saying that Afghanis are traitors while some were claiming that Bangalis were traitors. I want to clarify that the only traitors in our country are Qadianis (Ahmadis) who are enemies of your religion and who don't accept the prophethood of Prophet of Islam. The Qadianis (Ahmadis) have no place in Pakistan. All of you should start a campaign with the object that all Qadianis (Ahmadis) should be removed from all government positions. The Qadianis (Ahmadis) should be expelled from the land of Pakistan which was created on the slogan of "LA ILAHA ILLALLAH"

(The speaker then asked the audience).

Do you support this demand?

(The audience raised their hands in approval with applause).