



INCIDENT REPORT

GRAVESTONES OF SIR ZAFRULLAH KHAN'S FAMILY SMASHED BY PAKISTANI POLICE IN DASKA KALAN, SIALKOT

IHRC has reported several times that a wave of bigotry against Ahmadiyya Muslims has intensified since the start of 2023.

In a deeply disturbing incident carried out on the night of 22nd September 2023, Pakistan police conspired with radical clerics to destroy 74 gravestones in Daska Kalan, Sialkot.

The tombstones included relatives of Pakistan's first foreign minister Sir Zafuallah Khan who served as the president of the United Nations and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the 1960s and 70s. In this way, Pakistani authorities not only disregard their own history but disrespect the living and the dead. Indeed, Ahmadi Muslims and their families are not safe even in death.

The area's Assistant Commissioner and his staff led the desecration of the Ahmadiyya graveyard alongside police forces who, acting illegally, cordoned off the nearby streets and taking advantage of the darkness carried out this despicable act.

They made sure that no Ahmadi was near the graveyard while this act was being carried out. After committing the desecration, the authorities took away the debris. The aftermath can be seen in this online [video](#)¹.



Pictures: On the night of 22nd September 2023, Pakistan police conspired with radical clerics to destroy 74 gravestones in Daska Kalan, Sialkot,

¹ Link to video on social media: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1705343697003417782>

Unfortunately, the persecution against Ahmadis has ramped up as of late, as the IHRC has reported almost daily incidents against the minority group. Graveyard vandalism has been a favoured tactic of the Anti-Ahmadi element in Pakistan for years. This shameful tactic means Ahmadis are not free from persecution even after their death.

Intolerance and hatred towards Ahmadis in Pakistan is nothing new, rather it has a history spread over decades which is gaining momentum day by day under State supervision. Systematic marginalisation of Ahmadis in all walks of life because of their religious beliefs is not considered condemnable and Ahmadis are being treated as such a class which has no basic human rights.

This must be stopped at all costs and the perpetrators and brought to justice immediately. Unfortunately, there is no simple solution as the government and authorities encourage this behavior. They must be discouraged from using cheap tactics to achieve political gain.

IHRC has continuously raised our voice since many months over attacks on Ahmadiyya Muslims places of worship and graves. Attacks on their members have intensified. Most have come to light through social media and International NGOs.

We once again strongly urge the international community to impress upon the Government of Pakistan the need to discharge any absurd cases against Ahmadis and release all held in custody and thus honor its responsibility to provide effective protection and freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and ensure that perpetrators of such vicious actions should be brought to justice, to bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 20 and United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 2, 18, and 20, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

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