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PRESS RELEASE

"STRANGLE EVERY QADIANI" VIDEO INCITING HATRED SPREADS ON PAKISTAN'S SOCIAL MEDIA AS THE VILE RHETORIC OF HATRED AND INTOLERANCE AGAINST AHMADI MUSLIMS CONTINUES TO GO UNPUNISHED IN PAKISTAN

IHRC has taken grievous notice of an agonizing statement on social media denigrating the peaceful Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

A <u>video</u>¹ posted by Prof Dr Mufti Muhammad Mukhtar Ali Al-Haidari (<u>facebook profile</u>²) incites hatred and calls on the public to "<u>strangle every Qadiani"</u>. "Qadiani" is a derogatory word for members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community - a minority community within Pakistan who face persecution, imprisonment and even death simply for their religious beliefs.

In the video, shockingly, the man claims that raising slogans in Pakistan would result in the death of "Qadianis" [Ahmadis] in Britain and in Islamabad. The crowd then erupts into chanting slogans. A man is seen speaking loudly declaring that "we must strangle the throat of every Qadiani". He loudly shouts:



Screenshot of the shocking video calling to "Strangle every Qadiani", spreads on Pakistan's social media.

TRANSLATION OF THE ORIGINAL VIDEO³ CLIP:

"Speak loudly! We have to strangle each and every Qadiani.

Long live the Cherished Seal of the Prophets.

¹ Link to a translated & subtitled version of the video: https://bit.ly/AntiAhmadi16

² Link to the Facebook profile of Prof Dr Mufti Muhammad Mukhtar Ali Al-Haidari: https://www.facebook.com/people/Prof-Dr-Mufti-Muhammad-Mukhtar-Ali-Al-haidari/100092399411861/

³ Link to original video clip on social media: https://bit.ly/AntiAhmadi17

Everyone here has working arms, so you have to raise the slogan of the cherished seal of the prophets, right? You have no idea how powerful this slogan is!

You will raise it here, a Qadiani will die in the Great Britain.

Raise the slogan here and Qadiani will be frustrated in Islamabad.

Long live the Cherished Seal of the Prophets.

That's the spirit! One more time.

Long live the Cherished Seal of the Prophets.

Labbaik, Labbaik, Labbaik ya rasool Allah. (We're here o Prophet of Allah)

Labbaik, Labbaik, Labbaik ya rasool Allah. (We're here o Prophet of Allah)

Labbaik, Labbaik, Labbaik ya rasool Allah. (We're here o Prophet of Allah)

Listen, that's it now. I'm saying this to the mischief makers from here to Islamabad.

See here the enthusiasm of the servants.

Beware!

Stop!

We won't spare the bandits of finality of prophethood.

We won't spare the enemies of Abu Bakr.

We won't spare the enemies of the companions of the Holy Prophet.

We won't spare the enemies of the Ahl e Bait.

Every nook and corner talks about Abu Bakar."

By making these threats brazenly, the man openly incites hatred against the Ahmadi Muslim population of Pakistan who are already persecuted and face death for their beliefs. The man also calls for violence against Ahmadi Muslims and calls on his followers and the public to go out and "strangle every Qadiani".

The man then makes a direct threat to Ahmadi Muslims and openly states "we won't spare the bandits of the finality of prophethood".

Such language is completely unacceptable and should not be taken lightly. Persecution against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has reached new heights in 2023 with 35 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.

IHRC ferociously condemns such malicious propaganda and attempts to defame and threaten with life this peaceful Muslim Community.

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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