



INCIDENT BRIEF

ANOTHER AHMADI MUSLIM SAVAGELY MURDERED IN RABWAH IN THE NAME OF RELIGION

It is with agonizing, heart-rending grief that we come to you with the horrible news that an Ahmadi Muslim father of 3 was brutally stabbed to death at bus stop in another cold-blooded murder as spate of attacks continue on Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Today, 12 August 2022, 62-year-old Ahmadi Muslim, Mr Naseer Ahmad was stabbed to death at the main bus stop in Rabwah, Pakistan. A religious fanatic stabbed him repeatedly for not chanting slogans in praise of Khadim Rizvi, a Pakistani hate preacher who defends the country's unjust blasphemy laws.

Mr Ahmad died on the spot after succumbing to stab wounds. The killer was chanting a tagline which was made famous by Khadim Rizvi.

Mr Naseer Ahmad leaves behind a widow and 3 daughters. According to the information received, he was an active member of the society and it was his Friday routine to go to the graveyard just like many other Ahmadis to pray for their loved ones.

This is another in a series of brutal and inhumane attacks on Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan as the state stands by and watches as Ahmadis are butchered on the streets by fanatics emboldened by radical political leaders.

IHRC condemns this religiously motivated target killing in the strongest possible terms. We firmly urge the government of Pakistan to ensure that the assailant is put behind bars urgently and swift and fair judgement is served in this case.

We request your support, along with your friends and contacts, for a powerful action to call for Freedom of Religion and safeguard of Fundamental Human Rights from the government of Pakistan. The world should pressurise the Government of Pakistan to harness each and every culprit, who has been nurturing hatred and inciting violence resulting in the brutal target killing of Abdus Salam in front of his minor children and to bring swift and fair justice to the family of the murdered. This is utmost critical to save the image of Islam and the image of their own country, which they profess to be an Islamic democratic state.

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.

These murders, attacks and threats have created a sense of deep insecurity amongst members of the community while the Ahmadis everywhere in Pakistan are living in a deep atmosphere of fear.

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.

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.

This terrible situation requires urgent international intervention. Political and faith leaders from across the world recently met in London to secure Freedom of Religion and Belief for everyone worldwide yet here we are with absolute contradiction of all the Charters on Freedom of Religion. For the respect of all that was resolved in the international conference, the world must take immediate and urgent action to ensure that Ahmadis in Pakistan enjoy their full right to their religion and are able to freely practice their faith as required.

We 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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