



INCIDENT REPORT

ARRESTS AND HARASSMENT AGAINST AHMADI MUSLIMS ON HOLY DAY OF EID UL ADHA IN PAKISTAN

IHRC has just learned that 5 Ahmadi Muslims have been arrested today in District Faisalabad for offering obligatory animal sacrifices on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha.

We have also been informed by reliable sources that police raids are continuing, and additional arrests are expected. Just as the whole Muslim world celebrates Eid, which is meant to be an occasion of happiness for all, Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan are being subjected to harassment and imprisonment in clear violation of international law.

This is yet another blatant violation of basic human rights on this blessed occasion of Eid-ul- Adha following the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca where the entire Muslim world gathers to celebrate and share in the festivities of this celebration. What is meant to be a day of happiness is turning into a day of horror and grief for Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan.

This is a day when Muslims sacrifice and distribute meat to the poor which is a religious requirement in remembrance of Prophet Abraham's readiness to sacrifice everything for the sake of God.

However, cases are being registered against members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan for sacrificing animals on Eid as prescribed by the Islamic faith. In other words, just for trying to take part in Eid rituals, Ahmadi Muslims are having to sacrifice their freedoms.

The allegation is that this is a trademark practice only prescribed for Muslims. Ahmadi Muslims, who are considered non-Muslims by the state, are being accused of violating draconian Pakistani laws and are therefore being arrested and imprisoned on a day meant to be reserved for happiness, goodwill and festivities.

You are requested to please urge your government to express their serious concerns and have the law enforcement agencies stop the arrest and imprisonment of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan.

This is another blatant violation of Human Rights for Ahmadi Muslim in Pakistan in a long series of state sanctioned persecution going back many decades.

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.

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 and that perpetrators of such vicious attacks 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 the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

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