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INCIDENT REPORT

PROMINENT PAKISTANI CLERIC CALLS FOR COMPLETE SOCIAL, AND FINANCIAL BOYCOTT OF AHMADI MUSLIMS IN PAKISTAN.

Initiated from Pakistan, a malicious and fierce social media campaign is being perpetuated across social media platforms and online forums. These hate video(s) aims to target and identify Ahmadi Muslim with the intent to cause harm and social boycott.

A few days ago, a prominent Cleric named Mufti Abdul Wahid Qureshi recorded a hate-filled **video**¹ while aboard a flight on Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) calling for a boycott of businesses owned by Ahmadi Muslims. Mr. Qureshi, a well-known hate preacher, calls on the Minister of Aviation, Khawaja Saad Rafique to ensure that PIA has no business ties to any business owned by Ahmadi Muslims.

Mr. Qureshi alleges that Shezan Ketchup, a division of Shezan International Limited, was being served in the flight in inviolation of the constitution of Pakistan. He further states that no product or service which is associated with any Ahmadi Muslim should be ever advertised.

These absurd and outlandish claims by Mufti Abdul Wahid Qureshi are a symptom of the state sponsored persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan. This level of hatred and state of fear experienced by Ahmadi Muslims has tremendously increased in the last several days and weeks.



Screenshot of a prominent Cleric named Mufti Abdul Wahid Qureshi recorded a hate-filled video while aboard a flight on Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) calling for a boycott of businesses owned by Ahmadi Muslims

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

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Web link to a translated & subtitled version of the video: https://bit.ly/AntiAhmadi005

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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ANNEXURE A:

English translation and transcript of the video calling for a boycott of businesses owned by Ahmadi Muslims:

Today is 3rd of February 2023. I'm talking to you recently. Will be told if Allah wills.

Viewers that are watching this kindly forward it as much as you can, so that it reaches the administration, and they take notice of it.

Peace and blessings of Allah be upon you!

I'm Mufti Abdul Wahid Qureshi, your brother, speaking to you while on a flight of PIA from Lahore to Karachi.

At this moment the ketchup satchet that you can see, is of the Shezan company, which is owned by Qadanis. And in our very own Pakistan International Airlines, it is being thoroughly promoted.

Our Aviation Minister, Khwaja Saad Rafique, is the son of an eminent personality. He should take notice of it and all those friends that are watching this should forward and convey this message to him that what is going on!

We boycott them socially. They don't recognize the constitution of my lovely country Pakistan. Apart from the Quran and the way of the Prophet (pbuh), they don't even uphold our constitution. Therefore, there is no room for them in the constitution. Why, then are their products being advertised?

This shouldn't happen. Stop this and become eligible of the intercession of the Holy Prophet peace be upon him. Thanks.