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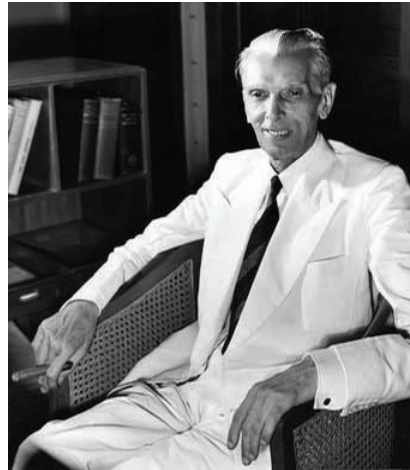
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SOUL OF QAUID E AZAM IN AGONY TODAY

Ninety three (93) Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan have been martyred since 1984; **15 of them were medical doctors**, according to the Asian Human Rights Commission. Three were martyred in the holy month of Ramadhan this year in Sindh. The only contribution they had to deserve this violent death at the hand of the fundamentalists was their belief in Ahmadiyya interpretation of Islam.

Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was the founder of Pakistan. His soul today will be writhing in pain on this fate of his beloved brain child. Jinnah who had convened the Constituent Assembly on August 11, 1947 and helped them along with the following words to pursue his Universalist vision, **“You are free, free to go to**



your temples, you are free to go to your mosques or to any other places of worship in this state of Pakistan. You may belong to any religion or caste or creed that has nothing to do with the business of state. ... We are starting with this fundamental principle that we are all citizens and equal citizens of one state.”

The Persecution of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

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خون شہیدان امت کا اے کم نظر، رائیگان کب گیا تھا کہ اب جائے گا
ہر شہادت ترے دیکھتے دیکھتے، پھول پھل لائے گی، پھول پھل جائے گی

“When was the blood of the martyrs of the true cause futile? Oh short sighted, that it will be now!

Every martyrdom will blossom and yield manifold successes right in front of your jealous eyes!”

Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV

He also said, "Our object should be peace within, and peace without. We want to live peacefully and maintain cordial friendly relations with our immediate neighbors and with the world at large." At another occasion he said, "You have to stand guard over the development and maintenance of Islamic democracy, Islamic social justice and the equality of manhood in your own native soil."

The silent majority of Pakistan wants to be a progressive society and develop Pakistan into a moderate and progressive state. They need to take the occasion to see through and expose the fundamentalists Mullahs for what they are, the blood thirsty and power hungry opportunists. Let not the hate monger fundamentalists ruin the vision of the Quaid e Azam, Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Have courage to speak up like some courageous political leaders like chief of MQM Altaf Hussain did! This is the only way of preventing Pakistan from becoming Talibanistan. We invite our non-Ahmadi Muslim brethren to follow Sir Francis Bacon's advice to, "Read not to contradict ... but to weigh and consider."

UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO LINKED DOCTOR SLAIN IN PAKISTAN

Buffalo news on their website covered recent development in Sindh, Pakistan on September 12th, 2008 in the following words:

A Pakistani physician who did part of his medical residency in Buffalo was killed Monday in what some groups called a religiously motivated attack. Dr. Abdul Mannan Siddiqui, a resident in family medicine and later internal medicine at the University at Buffalo Medical School from 1991 to 1992, was

shot by multiple assailants after completing rounds at the hospital he operated in Mirpur Khas, about 135 miles northeast of Karachi, according to Pakistan media reports.

UB records show he had left the program before completing his residency.

Siddiqui, 48, was a leader in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, a sect that has long been a persecuted minority in Pakistan, where most residents adhere to traditional Islam.

The day before the attack was the 34th anniversary of a Pakistani government edict declaring that Ahmadis could not refer to themselves as Muslims.

In commemoration, a popular television channel in Pakistan aired a special program featuring a fundamentalist Muslim religious leader who repeatedly called for killing Ahmadis, according to the Asian Human Rights Commission, which issued an urgent appeal. Siddiqui's assassination was followed by the shooting Tuesday of another Ahmadi leader in Nawabshah, northwest of Mirpur Khas.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan also condemned the killings and called for an end to "hate-preaching through the media." ...

Siddiqui was the 93rd Ahmadi in Pakistan killed since 1984; 15 of them were medical doctors, according to the Asian Human Rights Commission....

Siddiqui returned to Pakistan to run the hospital founded by his father, who also was a doctor. He often provided free medical care to those who could not afford to pay, according to Abid Khan, Ahmadi international spokesman.

“The murder of Dr. Abdul Mannan Siddiqui is a grave tragedy. He was a true servant of mankind and lived his life according to the Ahmadiyya motto, ‘Love for All, Hatred for None.’ ” Khan said. “His death was simply due to his being a peace-loving member of the Ahmadiyya Community.” ...

The news was also covered extensively by other newspapers including [Yahoo news](#) and [Yonkers Tribune](#).

PRESS RELEASE: TELEVISION DISCUSSION JUSTIFIES MURDER OF PEACEFUL MINORITY GROUP

GEO Television’s ‘Aalim Online’ openly preaches hatred of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community condemns in the strongest terms the broadcast on September 7th 2008 of the television program ‘Aalim Online’ on the GEO Television Channel which broadcasts in a number of different countries including Pakistan and the United Kingdom. The broadcast which was presented by Aamir Liaquat Hussain sought to ‘commemorate’ the 34th anniversary of members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community being declared non-Muslim in Pakistan. The program which included both a panel discussion and telephone conference was both extremely inflammatory in its tone and highly provocative.

During the broadcast the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him) was spoken of in the most vile and grotesque language. The language used offended the sentiments not only of all Ahmadi Muslims but indeed those of all peaceful and tolerant peoples.

Further, during the broadcast members of the discussion panel when speaking in reference to the beliefs of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and its Founder spoke of how people who

held such beliefs were ‘Wajibul-Qatl’, that is ‘Liable to death’. This phrase was used repeatedly and at no point did the moderator Aamir Liaquat Hussain interject to stop such obscene and inflammatory language being used. In this respect the broadcaster completely failed in its duty to exercise a proper degree of responsibility with respect the content of its broadcast.

As mentioned earlier the program was broadcast in Pakistan amongst other countries. There is no doubt that the language and tone of the program served only to further inflame the anti-Ahmadiyya sentiment which has been perpetrated by the extreme clerics (Maulvis) over many decades in the country.

The program was broadcast on 7th September 2008. On 8th September 2008 Dr Abdul Mannan Siddiqui, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Mirpurkhaas, Sindh was murdered whilst working in the local hospital. The very next day on 9th September 2008, Seth Muhammad Yousuf, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Nawab Shah, Sindh was also murdered. Both of these victims were killed simply due to their membership of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Both murders took place in broad daylight.

The International Community is urged to take notice of the ever increasing persecution of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. In an era where Islam has been tainted by numerous terrorist acts that have been falsely conducted in its name, the world should take notice that the one Muslim group that has always practiced and preached a truly peaceful message has been targeted by the hateful acts and words of the fanatical Muslim clerics.

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To review a short video to know the events in Sindh go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOdYH97jcKE>

IN MEMORY OF ALL MARTYRS

LET CONSCIENCE SPEAK by Mahmooda Roohi Saifi

The learned doctor young and fit

To whom came men from near and far

In multitudes, both rich and poor

With woes and sufferings, pain and ail

He looked to all, he was for all

With his team he would go afar

Into the wild where dwell the meek

There sufferings there he would dispel

Not for want, but heavens sake

When now in lifeless form he lies

A spray of bullets put an end

A life that always helped to save

So many other ailing lives

Many more could yet have saved

For not so ripe in years was he

Thousands came to pay respects

All felt orphaned by this loss

A great life though had come to end

The world's a stage, and man a sage

In this world dwells for numbered days

He's free to act, to choose his role

The dos and don'ts, the lord hath told

Good and evil both exist

Some go for good, some otherwise

Some use their sense, some act like blind

In worldly acts they are so absorbed

As if the play forever goes

Yet comes a time when curtains close

A fateful day that brings the end

And then shall start the Lords revenge

For him the play was ended soon

He played his part and played it well

In his profession he excelled

The weaker lot he always helped

In Allah's way he did a lot

His foremost aim, to please the Lord

Towards his race, towards the Lord

He did his best, with zeal and zest

His numbered days he used so well

He rose above, above the rest

What sin was it that brought his end?

What made the killer do this act?

Did he that pressed the trigger see?

Or those behind conspiring the deed

Open up his heart to see
 What he professed and what he didn't
 For faith is a bond between man and God
 Its only He that reads the hearts
 Let man profess what he feels right
 Let God be the judge to wring or wrest

When once at war in battle ground
 A man when facing death professed
 Yet wasn't spared Usama's sword
 Our holy master on whom be peace
 Went in rage and asked the lad
 What answer would you give your lord?
 When meet him you on Judgment's day
 This license to end a life
 Our holy Master didn't grant
 How can the aalims of our day
 Grant it now on their own say?

Blood has been spilt, a life extinguished
 An actor on the stage has gone
 Are we all mere spectators here?
 Watching in silence the dreadful scenes
 For scenes like this have come before
 And many more may yet arise
 My friends we all have roles to play

To raise a voice against all wrong
 A powerful voice that knows no fears
 Let conscience speak and move the world
 Innocent blood that soaks the earth
 Hangs like deathly haze in air
 A debt for all conscientious beings
 How far can we repay?

MQM CHIEF ALTAF HUSSAIN ON THIS ISSUE

The Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) has expelled former MNA Dr Aamir Liaquat Hussain for violating party policy. According to an official announcement, Dr Aamir Liaquat Hussain's basic membership has been cancelled for his act of propagating his views through the TV programme he hosts. The act may create religious hatred which is against MQM policy, says the MQM statement. The dawn newspaper reported on Sept 10, 2008.

"The murder of Dr. Abdul Manan Siddiqui who was associated with the noble profession of medicine is a big tragedy for the citizens of Mirpur Khas." MQM Chief Altaf Hussain added, "The heinous murderers by killing the noble physician who was serving thousands of patients without the distinction of color, race, language or religion, have proven that they are not only not Muslims but are inhuman." This was reported by Jang newspaper from Karachi on September 9th, 2008. MQM chief also urged the authorities to prosecute the culprits to the fullest extent of the law.

Other political leaders who fail to voice opinion against such glaring violations of national, international and religious ideals of human

dignity and equality do it to their own personal and national long term detriment. You cannot have your cake and eat it too or speak from both sides of your mouth.

APPNA CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF DR. ABDUL MANAN SIDDIQUI

In a press release APPNA Strongly Condemns Killing of Dr. Manan Siddiqui in Pakistan:

The Association of Physicians of Pakistani-descent of North America (APPNA) expresses its utmost concern over the recent killings of members of a religious minority group in Pakistan. APPNA strongly condemns the killing of Dr. Abdul Manan Siddiqui on September 8, 2008 in Mirpur Khas, Pakistan. APPNA believes that killing of an innocent human being for any reason is against the principles of humanity, contrary to the teachings of Islam and in utter violation of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

While denouncing this act of ignorance and hatred, APPNA urges Government of Pakistan to investigate this murder and bring perpetrators to the justice. APPNA also urges print and electronic media of Pakistan, public or private, to play positive role in protecting the rights of all Pakistani citizens alike and promote the message of religious freedom and harmony. Furthermore, APPNA urges media not to become a tool for extremist views of any kind.

“Denial of fundamental civil rights and lack of religious tolerance will lead the nation to further anarchy and not towards peace and prosperity” said Dr. Mahmood Alam, the President of APPNA.

THE HOLY QURAN ON THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE

We prescribed for the Children of Israel that whosoever killed a person - unless it be for killing a person or for creating disorder in the land - it shall be as if he killed all mankind; and whoso saved a life, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all mankind. And our Messengers came to them with clear Signs, Yet even after that, many of them commit excesses in the land. (Al Quran 5:33)

And those who call not on any other god along with Allah, nor slay a person whose slaying Allah has forbidden except for a just cause, nor commit adultery - and he who does that shall meet the punishment of his sin; doubled for him shall be the punishment on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein disgraced -- Except those who repent, and believe and do righteous deeds, for as to these, Allah will convert their evil deeds into good ones, and Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful. (Al Quran 25:69-71)

PROMISED MESSIAH'S ANALYSIS OF THE ROOT CAUSE OF VIOLENCE IN MULLAHS

“A very detrimental belief that is profoundly hurting the spirituality in Islam is that the Mullahs are awaiting a bloody Mahdi who will soon after his appearance submerge the world into violence and bloodshed. These are the signs that they subscribe for their imaginary Messiah also that as soon as he descends from the heaven that he will start killing the non-believers, and only those will be saved who will become Muslim. Men with such beliefs can never be sincere with others; even traveling alone with such believers is risky business, lest they should kill you thinking that you are a nonbeliever, while they are in total denial of their own disbelief! Always remember that to call these absurd ideas as root of Islam and attribute them to the Holy Quran is preposterous.

This is only giving opportunity to the adversaries of Islam to ridicule it and nothing else. Sanity cannot recommend that a reformer without convincing others starts killing them or that whatever government he lives under he conspires against her. It seems that the conscience of such people are deranged and the instinct of human kindness in them has died out.” (Ishtihariat in Roohani Khazain volume 8 pages 403-404)

To fully comprehend the insight of this quote one needs to appreciate the universal compassion that is inherent in Islamic beliefs. The Messiah of this era, the lead follower of the Prophet Muhammad^{saw}, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad has said:

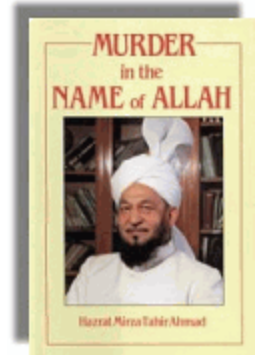
“A religion which does not inculcate universal compassion is no religion at all. Similarly, a human being without the faculty of compassion is no human at all. Our God has never discriminated between one people and another. This is illustrated by the fact that all the potentials and capabilities which have been granted to the Aryans have also been granted to the races inhabiting Arabia, Persia, Syria, China, Japan, Europe and America. The earth created by God provides a common floor for all people alike, and His sun and moon and many stars are a source of radiance and provide many other benefits to all alike. Likewise, all peoples benefit from the elements created by Him, such as air, water, fire and earth, and similarly from other products created by Him like grain, fruit, and healing agents, etc. These attributes of God teach us the lesson that we, too, should behave magnanimously and kindly towards our fellow human beings and should not be petty of heart and illiberal.” (‘A Message of Peace’ by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad)

LITMUS TEST FOR FINDING MODERATE MUSLIMS

See [July 2008 Al Islam eGazette](#) for this discriminatory test.

MURDER IN THE NAME OF ALLAH

This book was originally written in Urdu in 1950’s by Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad. His analysis about the religious and political situation in Pakistan has come true in the subsequent 6 decades. It is a must read for all serious students of religion and how it can intermingle with politics. Excerpt from the Editor’s foreword:



“Mirza Tahir Ahmad shows how Islam is being exploited by the Mullahs and presented to the world as a medieval theocracy. Mirza Tahir Ahmad set the Munir Commission Report within the context of the Quran, hadith and Islamic history. He had separated fact from fiction and the law of the Quran from the interpretations of the sultan-serving faqih.”

To read the whole book go to:

<http://www.alislam.org/library/books/mna/>

UNITED NATIONS CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Pakistani citizens and politicians should keep in mind that they are a signatory to the United Nations charter of human rights that has thirty articles. It is high time for the Pakistani society to elevate her to these high ideals in the time of international turmoil and unrest. It is time to stop paying lip service to these ethics and actually start imbibing them and living up to these standards.

CAIRO DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

According to [Wikipedia](#), “Article 10 of Cairo declaration states, ‘Islam is the religion of unspoiled nature. It is prohibited to exercise any form of compulsion on man or to exploit his poverty or

ignorance in order to convert him to another religion or to atheism.' So the Declaration prohibits to force anybody 'to change his religion to another religion or to atheism,' but it gives the individual no freedom to change his religion or belief from Islam to another religion."

In contrast, to the myopic vision of the attendees of the conference, in regards to apostasy, Islam has a universal approach to freedom of thought and human rights as explained in the writings of Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, referenced below. Yet, it is precisely this violent belief of the traditionalists in regards to apostasy, that has catapulted Muslim societies into violence and chaos every so often in history over the centuries.

AHMADIYYA PERSPECTIVE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan was the first foreign minister of Pakistan in 1947. He became the president of the 17th Session of the UN General Assembly and later served as Judge of the International Court of Justice at Hague, and eventually also became the president of this court. He is author of numerous books and articles on politics, law and religion.

On the occasion of the 16th Congress of International Association for Religious Freedom held in Chicago, Illinois (USA), on the 10th August 1958, Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, Vice President of the International Court of Justice at Hague, was invited to speak on the Islamic solutions to World Problems. The speech of Sir Muhammad Khan, which deals with various aspects of Islamic teachings, is of great informative value. Its contents are just as relevant today as they were 49 years ago when the speech was made. It can be reviewed at the following URL:

<http://www.alislam.org/library/ContributionofIslam.html>

To review the fact that the humanitarian ideals mentioned in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) of 1948 are exactly in keeping with the Islamic teachings and early Muslim tradition, please review a books by Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan *Islam and Human Rights* and *Punishment of Apostasy in Islam*.

FRIDAY SERMON DESCRIBING THE MARTYRDOMS IN PAKISTAN

Friday Sermon delivered on [September 12, 2008](#), by Khalifatul-Masih V, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad covers in part the recent martyrdoms in Sindh, and also the just and wise response of the MQM leader Altaf Hussain and some other prominent people in Sindh. For actual Urdu audio and English, Bengali or Malayalam summary go to: <http://www.alislam.org/archives/>

For a detailed Urdu summary go to:

<http://www.alfazl.org/rabwah/A20080916.pdf>

CONCLUSION

To the Ahmadi readers who are facing persecution we remind them of this Persian verse of Promised Messiah^{as}:

اے دل تونیز خاطر ایناں نگاہ دار
کآخر کنند دعوی حب پیمبرم

"Oh my grieved heart, also be cognizant that your oppressor is after all claimant of the love of my beloved Muhammad."

For all the other Muslim readers, let us summarize by stating that oppression in matters of religion is the style of the Pharaohs and not of the true believers. Only those people resort to violence who

have been thoroughly frustrated in the domain of reason and arguments. The world's religious history as recorded in the Holy Quran is a wonderful testimony of this phenomenon.

We invite those who subscribe to intolerant views in the domain of religion to ponder over the crown verse of the Holy Quran, which encapsulates the majesty, grandeur and glory of Allah:

“Allah - there is no god save Him, the Living, the Self-Subsisting and All-Sustaining. Slumber seizes Him not, nor sleep. To Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. Who is he that dare intercede with Him save by His permission? He knows what is before them and what is behind them; and they encompass nothing of His knowledge except what He pleases. His knowledge extends over the heavens and the earth; and the care of them wearies Him not; and He is the High, the Great.” (Al Quran 2:256) The very next verse talks of religious tolerance.

In the words of Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthal, the first British Muslim, extrapolating from these verses, “There is no compulsion in religion. The right direction is henceforth distinct from error. And those rejecteth vain superstitions and believeth in Allah hath grasped a firm handle which will not give way. Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.” (Al Quran 2:257).

The two verses are supplementary. Where there is that realization of the majesty and dominion of Allah, there is no compulsion in religion. Men choose their path — allegiance or opposition — and it is sufficient punishment for those who oppose that they draw further and further away from the light of truth.

What Muslims do not generally consider is that this law applies to our own community just as much as to the folk outside, the

laws of Allah being universal; and that intolerance of Muslims for other men's opinions and beliefs is evidence that they themselves have, at the moment, forgotten the vision of the Majesty and mercy of Allah which the Quran presents to them.” (Cultural Side of Islam, chapter on tolerance)

As soon as one resorts to pre-emptive violence in the domain of religion one is giving testimony to his moral and spiritual bankruptcy and his lack of belief in God and the Holy Quran!

We conclude in the words of Socrates, “the unexamined life is not worth living.” We should go ahead and examine our deep thoughts and remove the inherent contradictions in them for our survival in age of information, reason and rationality. If the non-Ahmadi Muslim society is to be saved from catastrophic implosion, the absurd ideas of violence in the domain of human thought need to be discarded. Man is born free even if he had the fortune of being born a Muslim. The ‘free will’ cannot be denied to the Muslims without destroying the whole of God's plan of human creation!

For news reports and latest updates on the Persecution of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, please visit

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