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PRESS RELEASE

AHMADI MUSLIM KILLED IN PAKISTAN

It is with great sadness that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat hereby confirms that on 18th March 2011, Mr Rana Zafarullah (39) of Sanghar, Sindh Province was martyred outside of his home.

On the day of the attack, Rana Zafarullah was returning from a local Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat event and when he reached his home two unknown persons on a motorcycle were waiting for him. They immediately started firing at him and he received at least 3 bullets to his face. The assailants immediately fled the scene. Rana Zafarullah was severely injured and passed away en-route to hospital.

The deceased was martyred solely for the reason that he was an Ahmadi Muslim. He was very well respected amongst the local community and was known for his kindness. He served the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat with great distinction and at the time of his passing he held a number of offices within the community.

The deceased is survived by his wife, his two young daughters (3years and 1year), his mother and his two brothers. He is the 205th Ahmadi Muslim to be martyred in Pakistan since anti-Ahmadi laws came into force in Pakistan in 1984.

In response to this latest martyrdom, the Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“May Allah elevate the status of Rana Zafarullah in heaven and may He protect his wife and children and grant them patience at this time.

This is the fifth martyrdom to take place in Sanghar in recent history. It is a relatively small Jamaat but in terms of its sacrifices it is amongst the very highest. May Allah protect all Ahmadi Muslims in that region.”

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