

# AHMADIYYA NEWS

### London: Hazrat Khalifatul Masih

By the grace of Allah, Hazrat Amirul Momeneen Khalifatul Masih, Hazrat Begum Sahiba and all members of the family are well. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has been leading daily prayers at the London Mosque and also giving Dars on Sunday evenings during the holy month of Ramadhan.

### New Ba'aits:

According to the latest information, by the Grace of Allah, more people in Pakistan are turning towards Ahmadiyyat and many Ba'aits have been reported all over the country.

### Parliamentary Question over Protection of Ahmadi Muslims:

As a result of the approaches to several MPs by the members of the UK Jama'at, the following question was asked and answered in the House of Commons as reported in the Hansand (official report of the Parliament): "Sir Dudley Smith, MP asked the secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what consultations he is initating with the Government of Pakistan over the protection of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, many of whom have relatives in the United Kingdom; and whether he will make a statement."

"Mr Whitney: We are aware of recent measures introduced by the Pakistan Government restricting the activities of the Ahmadiyya or Qadiani Community. At our request Her Majesty's Ambassador at Islamabad recently discussed this matter with the Pakistan authorities. They stressed that there was no question of permitting persecution of Ahmadiyya Community. Their aim was to calm the situation and to protect the Ahmadiyyas from extremist elements, some of

# EID FELICITATIONS FROM HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

Please convey affectionate Assalamo Alaikum and Eid Mubarak to all Ahmadies. We have just passed through a month of spiritual regeneration—After this small physical suffering Allah has rewarded us with Eid so will He certainly reward us with much greater Eid after every persecution suffered for His sake. Ahmadies throughout the world have shown greater determination, loyalty and steadfastness in the cause of Allah in this our hour of trial. Allah will never abandon you. Yours will be the final Eid. (Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV)

### ADDRESS OF THE LONDON MISSION

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whom had been arrested. The Pakistan authorities also indicated that any violence or further action against Ahmadiyyas would be dealt with severly."

The explanation given by the Government of Pakistan is obviously not true. In fact the present regime has engineered a situation through its carefully controlled information media of giving impression that the Ordinance was necessary to prevent mass threats by the Mullahs against Ahmadis. In any event, the military regime of General Ziaul Haq is itself responsible for giving full freedom and licence

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to the agitators in creating an allegedly critiacl situation.

Similar reply has been received by a large number of Members of Parliament who took up the matter with the British Foreign Office on behalf of their Ahmadi constituents. Steps are being taken to bring home to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the fact that the explanation by the Pakistan Government is misleading and that the ordinance is a blatant violation of the fundamental human rights of Ahmadis in Pakistan.

### **Protests in the USA**

On the publication of the ordinance, hundreds of telegrams and letters were sent to the President of Pakistan, the Ambassador of Pakistan in the USA, the Congressmen, Senators and Representatives; protesting against the human right abuses.

Personal meetings were also arranged to apprise the Congressmen and Senators of the correct situation. They shared our concern about the treatment of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. The Vice President informed that their Embassy in Islamabad and its constituent posts in Karachi, Lahore and Peshawar were keeping a close watch on the developments affecting Ahmadies in Pakistan. A delegation of Lajna USA also met congresswomen and-informed them of the grave situation.

The impression is being created by the Government of Pakistan, through its controlled news media, that the action was aimed at preventing violence by anti-Ahmadi elements and that they have succeeded in defusing the immediate threat of violence with the publication of the ordinance. Immediate steps are being taken to remove this misleading impression and that the action by the Government of Pakistan is a balatant violation of the fundamental rights of four million Ahmadis in Pakistan.

### Yet Another Ahmadi Martyred:

We report with deep regret that a sincere Ahmadi doctor, Dr Abdul Qadir, attached to 'the Social Security Department in Faisalabad, was martyred on 16 June 1984 (*Inna Lillahe Wa inna Ilaihe Rajeoon*). An employee of Koh-e-Noor Mills came to his house to seek medical assistance. As the doctor was examining him, that person stabbed him four times with a knife in his stomach. Dr Abdul Qadir was rushed to the hospital but died a few hours later. The Doctor's servant raised an alarm, and the assailant was chased by people, arrested and handed over to the Police.

### **News from Pakistan**

1. Lahore: On a compalint by a member of the local "Ulema Committee" two members of the Community have been accused of distributing "Aik Harf-e-Nasehana." One of them has been arrested and is in police custody.

2. Islamabad: A young *Khadim*, aged 18 years, was attacked by three persons with a knife while riding a motor cycle. He was immediately taken to the hospital but the hospital staff refused to treat him and said they would only do so after a complaint has been lodged with the police. He was then treated by a private doctor. The police refused to take down his complaint. The matter is being taken up at a higher level.

3. Gurjanwals (Mir Chatta): Chaudhry Bashir Ahmad, a landlord who is the President of the local Ahmadiyya Jamaat has reported that water supply to his farm has been stopped and 80% of his crop has been damaged. Legal action is being taken against the persons concerned.

4. Sargodha (Khushab): An Ahmadi student was abused and assaulted by a non-Ahmadi student. Other non-Ahmadi students also assembled and created more trouble. The police was called in but it arrested the Ahmadi student instead.

5. Sargodha (Mrolianwala): There was only one Ahmadi family residing in this village which was being socially boycotted. When another person joined the Movement, strong pressure was put upon him to renounce his faith but he stood steadfast and this resulted in his wife also joining Ahmadiyyat. May God give them strength and steadfastness.

6. Dera Ghazi Khan: In a meeting held at Dera Ghazi Khan, highly inflamatory statements were made by the Mullahs asking people to demolish the Ahmadiyya Mosque and forcibly take possession of the site. The matter was reported to the police who took necessary steps to prevent any trouble. The khuddam were detailed to guard the mosque and nothing further took place.

7. Shadadpur: There is strong opposition to our community and the Mullahs are continuously making highly inflamatory speeches. A Maulvi in his speech said: "Can't you people deal with one Qadiani?" Referring to our brother who was martyred at Mehrabpur, he said, "Look at the man who killed a Qadiani and has secured a seat in heaven." One only wonders why the Mullah himself does not book a seat for himself?

8. Dera Ghazi Khan: Soon after the promulgation of the ordinance, in a remote village of Basti Gazdar, a crowd of people came with the intent to forcibly occupy our mosque. The khuddam and two Ansars who were on duty there offered resistance and forced to mob to retreat.

**9. Islamabad:** Two youths tried to sneak into our mosque but were arrested by the Khuddam on duty. They said they were just passing through and were let go. However, when followed, they were seen to enter a non-Ahmadi mosque in the vicinity.

**10.** Gujrat: At the Maghiana village, a member of Jamaat-e-Islami said that it was true that there were wide differences between them and the Ahmadies but he condemned the Ordinance.

11. Gujranwala: At Kamoki and Chak Chata villages there is strong opposition to the Jamaat due to inflamatory statements by the Maulvis and there is some tension as well.

12. Sind (Tahli): An Ahmadi was arrested on the false evidence of a non-Ahmadi on a charge of distributing *Aik Harf-e-Nasihana*. During the very first hearing, the complainant came forward and admitted having made a false allegation and withdrew his earlier version.

13. Sukhar: In a Friday sermon, the Maulvi of the Jamia Masjid urged his audience not to allow Ahmadies to keep fast during the month of Ramadhan. He further asked them to start Jehad against Ahmadies as the Government was not doing enough and anybody who got killed during the Jehad would go straight to heaven.

14. Nawab Shah: Police visited our premises at Nawab Shah and removed *the Kalima* from outside Mahmud Hall and the Mosque at Nawab Shah and Bandi.

Two members of the Community have been charged for calling themselves *Muslim*. The case is pending for hearing in court.

15. Sind (Panu Akil): A member of the Community has received a threatening letter signed by a local well known decoit. The matter was reported to the police who said the signatures were a forgery and the letter must have been written by a person on account of religious bias. Later, two youths went to the house of the same person and wanted to make mischief. The matter was reported to the police. The two youths were arrested and were found out to be the students of a local Madrasa. Both have been remanded in custody.

16. Sind (Dist. Khairpur): A local *peer* is inciting people against the Ahmadies by saying: "Anybody who would murder a Qadiani will go to heaven straightaway." However, everything is quiet so far.

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# PACES RELEASE

# COMPLAINANT AND OFFICE HOLDERS OF AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY AT RABWAH ARRESTED INSTEAD OF THE CULPRIT RESPONSIBLE FOR ARSON.

On the night of 25th June, one Allah Yar Arshad, a mullah of a local non-Ahmadi mosque in the International Headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Community at Rabwah, Pakistan, tried to set fire to a house of an Ahmadi in a section of the town. He did this around midnight accompanied by two young men. He was overpowered by two Ahmadi youth sleeping on the roof of the house as is customary in the hot weather. The culprit was taken to the Police station. The cycle of the said culprit Allah Yar was recovered from the scene of the crime along with a kerosene oil container. The Deputy Superintendent of Police also came on the scene. This was a clear case of arson where one of the culprits was apprehended red-handed along with his bicycle and kerosene oil container. The police, however, instead of registering a case against the culprit, proceeded to arrest the owner whose house was set on fire on charges of attempted murder of said Allah Yar. Besides the police have arrested four respectable residents including prominenet office holder of the community who were nowhere on the scene of the occurance nor had anything to do with it in any way. The persons arrested are Mr. Aziz Bhmabri, Maulvi Khurshid Ahmad, Khawaja Majid and Mr. Zahoor Bajwa, the latter in fact had gone to

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the office of the District Magistrate of Jhang to report the whole incident and the total partiality and high handedness of the local police. The District Magistrate instead of redressing the obvious grievance in fact proceeded to arrest Mr. Zahoor Bajwa. Such is the measure of *justice* in utter disregard of even elementary rights and protection to which every citizen including members of the minority community should be entitled.

The above incident was followed by another when the arrested persons were produced for bail in the court of the magistrate on June 27; the attorneys appearing on their behalf were attacked and manhandled and their books and papers snatched away by an unruly mob in the court compound. Their cars outside were also damaged. The police conveniently arrived after all this was over and escorted them to the neighboring town of Rabwah 6 miles away. The magistrate who arrived late then dismissed the bail application on the ground that the parties were unrepresented and remanded the arrested persons back to the police custody.

Both the above occurances show how government machinery is actively and directly involved in providing encouragement and protection to miscreants and denying all avenues of redress to aggrieved party and peaceful law abiding citizens belonging to the minority Ahmadiyya Community.

(Public Relations Officer)

# National Council for Civil Liberties **PRESS RELEASE**

Mr. Ashfaque Ahmad Khan a former Ambassador of Pakistan and Secretary General National Council For Civil Liberties has issued the following statement to the press:

It is highly painful to know about the clash between two religious sects in Lahore which is stated to be the continuation of a previous incident in Badshahi Masjid when the famous Egyption Qari Abdul Basit Abdus Samad had come there to recite the Holy Quran. Some people were accused of raising very objectionable, rather shamful, slogans in the presence of Qari Abdul Basit. The same kind of communal frenzy was seen in Karachi where the religious fanatics committed every kind of inhuman excesses against a minor religious community with full connivance of the local administration. This indicates the growing influence of obscurantists and fanatics upon those who are vested with the powers of ruling this poor country. Recently the Chief Martial Law Administrator has imposed an ordinance about another religious minority—hmadis. Since the promulgation of this ordinance, we daily read in the newspapers that so many Ahmadies have been Islamised and at the same time we hear that so many of them were arrested by the police for propagating their faith and forcibly converting Musalmans to Ahmadis. Is this the picture of a country claiming to be Darus Salam, the abode of peace? Is this the second Islamic State in history, the first being the one founded by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him; have the rulers of this Islamic State completely rejected the Declaration of Madina which the Holy Prophet himself signed with the different sections of population of the state of Madina? Is it the reality of the dreams seen by Allama Iqbal? Or is it the unfortunate result of the great struggle of the Muslims of the subcontinent waged by them under the leadership of Quaid-Azan Muhammad ali Jinnah? No sane Pakistani will agree with this situation. It seems that those who grabbed the political power in this country do not want to part with it and for that they can go to any extent even to plunge this country into a communal battle field.

Islam provides complete protection to all the citizens living in the geographical boundaries of a State ruled by the Muslims. This protection includes the right of having any religion or sect practice their faith and the protection of their places of worship. the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan of 1973 prohibits any kind of discrimination on the basis of cast, creed or religion. The Ahmadis or any other religions minority as long as they are the citizens of Pakistan must enjoy all these rights and protection. No one therefore, individuals or the state, should interfere in practising their faith and their places of worship should be protected in any circumstances.

In the end I appeal to the Muslims at large to follow the teaching of the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him, and his descendants in their true spirit as brought to us the message of peace for the entire mankind. The fundamental right and civil liberties should not be denied to any one on the basis of factional, sectarian or religious differences. I however believe that communal harmony and sectarian peace can only be achieved in a free democratic society established by the people through their own free will.

# CHALLENGE TO AHMADIYYAT ATROCIOUS ACT AGAINST THE SPIRIT & SOUL OF MAN

### **Definition of Ahmadi Muslims**

Just imagine: They try to translate the teachings of Islam into their daily lives. They do not want only to profess Islam through their lips, but also live according to its teachings. They love the Holy Quran and are ever keen to spread its message. For this purpose they print translations of the Holy Book in various languages and disseminate the Word of God. They themselves offer prayers, as Islam has prescribed, and urge others to do the same. They observe the month of fasting. They make financial contributions for the cause of Islam and are prepared to make any sacrifice asked of them for Islam. Those who are unable to go to the Holy city of Mecca to perform Hajj are grieved at heart, and they constantly pray to Allah that they might be able to perform it one day.

Their love for the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him, is boundless and cannot be described in words. They are engaged in presenting the true life-story of the Holy Prophet through books and brochures and in lectures and speeches, thus removing misunderstandings and misgiving about the greatest benefactor of mankind, peace be on him.

They go about in the world building mosques, often at spiritually barren places. They hold public meetings, distribute leaflets, meet people and invite for discussions on Islam. The result is that many who were before either ignorant of Islam or were enemies of the Holy Prophet, have now accepted Islam and seek their spiritual solace in sending *Darud* on the Holy Prophet.

This is the change they have brought about and are bringing about in the world—slowly and steadily as an evolution. They do not seek to win the bodies of others but their minds, souls and hearts. This is the real Tabligh of Islam, as early Muslims used to do —and suffer for that at the hands of their opponents.

This is a description of Ahmadi Muslims, exactly as the Holy Prophet had described the followers of Imam Mahdi and the Promised Messiah in this age. Yet these very Ahmadi Muslims have been prohibited in Pakistan:

a) from calling themselves Muslims;

b) from giving the name *Masjid* to their places of worship;

c) from using the words of *Azan* to call people for prayer;

d) from attributing themselves in any way to Islam;

e) from preaching by word or letter what they believe to be part of their faith;

f) from using the so-called *Islamic terminology* or performing Islamic rites.

Anyone within his senses would revolt at this atrocious act against the spirit and soul of man. Islam came to protect every religion, alongside with preaching its own message. It never stopped other from propagating and preaching what they believed to be true, because its own teachings are sound, logical, natural and stand to any argument. The weapon used against Ahmadi Muslims is to say the least un-Islamic. But this is being used in the name of Islam.

Our line of action is to pray to Allah for the guidance of the misguided, work harder, make more Tabligh, offer greater sacrifices and trust firmly in God the Almighty.

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### Khilafat Day Meeting Held on Sunday May 27th 1984

The Khilafat Day program took place in New York on Sunday, the 27th of May 1984. Alhamdolillah the event was successful and we had the blessed presence of our Amir & Muhalhgh Incharge, U.S.A., Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad.

The number of members present were approximately seventy in number (including Lajna). The meeting started with Zuhr and Asr prayers lead by Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad. After prayers, members assembled in the auditorium and the program started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Nasir Ahmad Sharif. The recitation of the Holy Quran was excellent and he recited verses pertain-

ing to the occassion of "Khilafat Day."

Then we had Nasir Chatta who recited a poem in a pleasant manner. The Atfal speakers then took over with short but intelligent speeches on Khilafat, its history and impotance. The tifal Nadeem Ahmed, Son of Dr Shahed Ahmed, spoke first, followed by Nasirat Jamil Shubra. Our first main speaker was Prof. Khalil Ahmaad Nasir.

Our President, Mr Nazir Ahmad Ayaz, then welcomed our New Missionary Maulana Inamul Haq Kauser to the Jama'at and asked him to addresses the Jama'at.

Maulvi Kauser spoke about his first meeting with Sheikh Mubarak in the U.S.A. and how the American public was impressed by his presence. We then had a poem by Mahmood Ahmad, *Naunihalane* Jama'at recited in a pleasant tone.

Finally, Amir Muhalligh Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad spoke to the audience on Khilafat and brought out

some very important aspects in Khilafat.

We then held the election under the chairmanship of Sheikh Saheb and our President Mr. Nazir Ayaz was again unanimously re-elected for another term. The same occured in the case of our Gen. Secretary Rafi Ahmed and Financial Secretary Mr Salim Ahmed We had silent prayers after that and After

some snacks the meeting came to a close.

# THE HISTORY OF KHILAFAT

By Nadeem Ahmad (age 10) s/o Dr. Shahed ahmad, New York

(This speech was delivered by our ten year old *Tifl*, master Nadeem Ahmad, on Khilafat Day celebration in New York on May 28, 1984)



Master Nadeem Ahmad.

My dear brothers and sisters:

Assalamo Alaikum

The topic which I have been given to speak on is the History of Khilafat. I shall start by taking a verse from Surah An-Noor. It says:

"Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good deeds, that He will surely make them successors in the earth, as He made successors from among those who were before them."

One of the important reasons why God has created man is so that man would worship the One true God. Also to open their lives free from sins and follow the right path to become righteous people.

When the majority of man is in a sinfull state, Allah sends a message to guide them in the right path. If they don't accept the message, it shall be their loss and they will be destroyed. The messenger, as we know is a human being and his life time is limited for remaining on the earth. In his life time, he shall spread the message of Allah. Then after his death, a successor will take his place to carry on the messenger's work.

The first successor of Hazrat Muhammad, peace be on him, was Hazrat Abu Bakr, *Razi Allaho Anho*, He died at the age of 63, after being Khalifa for 2 years and 3 months. His successor was Hazrat Umar Farooque, *Razi Allaho Anho*. He also died at the age of 63. He was Khalifa for 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years. His successor was Hazrat Usman, *Razi Allaho Anho*. He had been Khalifa for 12 years. His successor was Hazrat Ali, *Razi Allaho Anho*. He had been Khalifa for 4 years and eight months.

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Hazrat Muhammad, peace be on him, had prophesied that after his death, his Khilafat will remain for 30 years. That is what happened. Paople did not respect the Khalifa and did not follow him, so Khilafat was stopped for about 1400 years, and in ' those 1400 years people had forgotten their Creator and indulged in all sorts of sins.

Then, according to the prophecy of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad, peace be on him, that after 1400 years Allah will send a prophet. His name was Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. He was the successor of Hazrat Muhammad, peace be on him, as he was the Reformer of the present age.

After the Promised Messiah's death, which was on May 26, 1908, his successor was Hazrat Maulvi Hakim Noor-ud-Din. He was the first Khalifa of the Promised Messiah. He remained Khalifa for about 6 vears. After his death. Hazrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmood Ahmad became the second Khalifa and remained Khalifa for nearly 52 years. After him was Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad. He was the third Khalifa and remained Khalifa for nearly 17 years. Af-

I conclude my speech by saving that we should be very thankful that we have a Khalifa to guide us. The Khalifa is the closest to God. He receives revelations directly from Allah and then he conveys it to us. So we should pray to Allah that we don't lose such a great blessing. With that I close my speech.

tar him came, and still is by the Grace of Allah, our

fourth Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad,

### From the Press:

The Eastern Times, New York, June 2, 1984 SALAM TALKS ABOUT QADIANIS AND SCIENTIFIC RENAISSANCE New York: Dr. Abdus Salam, Pakistan's only Nobel laureate, expressed deep indignation at the recent announcement by Pakistani President Zia-ul-Hag asking Oadianis not to use the Muslim nomen-

Talking with reporters at a local restaurant, Salam, a Oadiani, said that the decision to make the sect "third class citizens" in Pakistan was not supported by the masses, but was the concoction of the "mullahs."

clature in their names, daily prayers and mosques.

Salam, who has served as a scientific adviser to several Pakistan governments, said there was no popular movement in Pakistan forcing the government to take such an action. The action was meant to appease the mullahs. He said he was happy to note that the people of Pakistan had not thrust the decision on them

Salam disclosed that in 1974, when the Qadianis were declared non-Muslims by the Pakistani parliament, a strong movement arose in the country, which the then Prime Misnister was unable to control. He added that he "resigned as Bhutto's Adviser on Scientific Affairs, the day parliament passed the act making Qadianis non-Muslims." Salam said Bhutto asked him to stay, but the scientist refused the request.

he declared: "I am a believer in Islam and I am also a practicing Muslim."

### **Education System**

Salam opined that Pakistan's education system was

headed in the wrong direction. "We are putting the

cart before the horse," he said. Salam stressed that scientific education was com-

pletely ignored in Pakistan; instead there was more emphasis on traditional and technological education. Salam believes that if scientific education is given top priority, all other subjects will follow scientific progress and will keep up with the times.

At the moment, he added, "you can acquire all the technology of the world, but if there is no one to comprehend it, the technology will be redundant and of no value."

He lamented the fact that in Pakistan there were only 11 professors of physics in 19 universities.

### **Islam and Science**

Asked whether scientific education conflicted with Islamic ideology, Salam stressed that such a notion was only a figment of the imagination of illiterate mullahs. He noted that Islam was in complete accod with scientific education. There was no conflict. He added that he had given a lecture and also written a paper on Darwin's theory of evolution and its implication on religion. He said there was no conflict.

However, Salam said that when there are questions which even science cannot answer, he seeks answers from the ultimate book, the Holy Quran.

he quoted profusely from the sayings of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him), saying that the education system should be transformed in Pakistan to meet the needs of a rapidly advancing world.

The Guardian, May 26, 1984

# PAKISTANI ANTI-ISLAMIC LAW CONDEMNED

### The leader of Ahmadiyya Mission in Nigeria, Mr. A.A. Abiola, has condemned a law denying some Moslem groups in Pakistan the right to freedom of worship.

The law, called "anti-Islamic activities of the Qadiani, Lahori and Ahmadiyya group (prohibition and punishment) ordinance 1984", is against the group's mode of preaching.

The law, banning Islamic activities of Ahmadis and two other sects, also prohibits them from regarding themselves as Moslems. It said that all printed materials containing their preaching would be seized and burnt. Anyone caught preaching the Qadiani faith in the name of Islam would also be penalised.

Mr. Abiola told newsmen at the Nigeria Union of Journalists' Lighthouse that "these laws were aimed at harassing and persecuting members of Pakistan's Ahmadiyya community by utter disregard of the injunction guaranteeing freedom of worship as enshrined in the Holy Quran."

He described the law, which seeks to stop members from reciting Adhan, inviting others to join them and their use of Islamic terminology in public, as another move to persecute the members.

He claimed that opponents of the Ahmadiyya community had in 1953 and 1974 committed several atrocities against their members in Pakistan.

"This year, Ahmadi mosques have been deliberately set on fire while members such as Abdul Hamid of Mehrabpur and Abdu Rahman of Sakhar have been martyred", he said.

Mr. Abiola said he had sent an appeal to Pakistan's President, through the country's Ambassador in Nigera. Mr. Akram Zaki, "to give all Pakistani citizens equal treatment and protection under the law, and grant them their right to freedom of worship, irrespective of sect or creed."

he called for protection of their members' lives and properties.

Sunday Triumph, Lagos, May 27, 1984

## AHMADIS REACT TO PROSCRIPTION DECREE

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission has reacted to the recent decree promulgated in Pakistan proscribing the Ahmadiyya sect.

In a press conference addressed by Alhaji A. A. Abiola, the National President of the Mission at the N.U.J House in Lagos, the Ahmadis have described the recent repressive measures as part of a continuous campaign to eliminate the Ahmadis and prevent them from practising their religion.

Alhaji Abiola said this was not only a violation of all "norms of decency" but also a direct disregard for the tenets on which the foundation of Pakistan was laid, which is the freedom of worship.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded by Ghulam Ahmad who claimed to be the promised Mahdi, the Messiah whose coming was foretold by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, and who was said to be coming to guide the Muslims in the later days. Those who accepted his claims are known as the Ahmadi Muslims. There are about 4 million Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan and 10 million in the whole world.

Pakistan's military ruler, General Zia-ul-Haq. recently issued a decree making it an offence punishable with jail terms of three years for any Ahmadiyya Muslim to call himself a Muslim, preach or propagate his faith, perform Islamic rites or refer to his place of worship as a mosque.

### The Muslim, June 5, 1984

### Forum: QADIANI ISSUE

No Praise is too great for Kamran Shafi's letter on the subject (9th May, 1984). Thank you very much for printing it. Abraham Lincoln declared: "Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not themselves."

The other day I came across this precious instance of human nobility: "Hitler, hoping to isolate and demean the Jews in Denmark, as he had elsewhere, ordered all of them to wear a star of David armband. His plan was foiled by the courageous and compassionate action of the Danes. Within hours of the order, Danish citizens of all religions were wearing the armband. King Christian X declared, 'I am my country's first Jew'

But how many of us would stand up for the Ahmedis with Voltaire's words when he says "I disagree with all you say but will defend to death your

### right to say it"? •

Few, I fear. Truly "there is a special kind of hell for those who remain neutral in a moral crisis."

Basharat Qadir, Nathia Gail.

## The New York Times, June 14, 1984 OUR BLIND ENTHUSIASM FOR PAKISTAN'S TYRANT

The United States is shoring up a special relationship with an increasingly unpopular military regime in Pakistan. This is a sadly short-sighted policy. Our alliance with Pakistan may in the short term seem to enchance our position in the Indian Ocean, but Gen. Mohammad Zia ul Haq, who rules by martial law, is becoming more repressive and isolated as internal challenges mount, raising the specter of an eventual uprising to overthrow him.

Until General Zia's coup in 1977, Pakistan's relatively independent judiciary mediated against transgressions of state power. In March 1981, 19 Supreme Court and provincial high court judges refused to endorse an order allowing General Zia to amend the Constitution and effectively abolish the rule of law. His response was to dismiss these and a number of other judges, pack the high courts, and then promulgate the order and outlaw all political parties.

Resistance to the regime intensified last fall. Some 140 protesters were killed and 6,000 arrested, as the dictator moved to suppress this non-violent civil disobedience movement. The country was relatively quiet untill spring, when students boycotted classes to protest the banning of their unions and then the arrest of about 100 demonstrating students. A coalition called the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy has demanded free elections and an end to military rule. General Zia countered with a proposal for "nonparty" elections controlled by the Government.

Dissent is also growing within the armed forces. Some 350 dissident officers were interrogated in early January in connection with a plot to assassinate General Zia. The fate of some 40 arrested officers remains unknown. The high command has been reshuffled to give the most important position to General

Zia's friends and relatives.

Like his neighbor, President Indira Gandhi of India, General Zia is taking steps against his country's religious minorities. Four million adherents of the Ahmadeiyyah a Moslem sect founded in the 19th century, are being prohibited from practicing their religion publicly. Statements by fundamentalist Islamic leaders close to the Government indicate that the small Pakistan Christian community may also be subject to persecution.

Human rights violations have increased markedly as the regime cracks down on growing dissent. One of the victims is Raza Kazim, an internationally renowned lawyer and eloquent advocate of representative government. On Jan. 9, he was forcibly taken from his home in Lahore by armed men in military vehicles. The Government has neither charged him nor responded to a writ of habeas corpus. His family was allowed to see him early spring, but visits have been discontinued. His health has seriously deteriorated, but the Government has igorned Amnesty International's request that he be examined by a private

### physician.

In its haste to defend the Zia regime, Washington defended the arrest, claiming that Mr. Kazim was smuggling guns, hashish and precious stones. Ironically, not even the Pakistan Government has supported this charge. The Lawyer's Committee for International Human Rights and Mr. Kazim's son have informed the Administration that it is confusing the distinguished attorney with a common criminal named Rana Kazmi. But State Department officials

persist in their preposterous claim.

There is no indication that policy makers in Washington fully understand the implications of their alliance with General Zia's regime. Its callous disregard of human rights can only increase internal opposition. Political parties, women's groups, student unions, landlord and peasant organizations, religious sects and the military have all challenged the regime's legitimacy. Pakistan has a 1,500 mile border with India, and it shares frontiers with Afghanistan, China, Iran and the Soviet Union. The country's 88 million inhabitants have a long insurrectionary tradition. An uprising would be very bloody and difficult

### to contain.

What should the United States do? The Administration has proposed \$3.2 billion in aid, half of it military assistance. A recent Senate staff report recommends that Congress tie this aid to Pakistan's cessation of nuclear weapons development. Although this is a worthy concern, it has tended to divert attention from the deteriorating political situation. Much more important now would be Congressional action to link aid to Pakistan's human rights record. Washington should also reconsider its foolish stand on the Kazim case: Such blind enthusiasm for a tyrannical ally can only prove self-defeating in the long run. Congress must take decisive action now before the situation worsens.

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# PROGRAM

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1984

8:00 a.m.	Check-in begins for pre-registered guests		
12:00 noon	Managing Committee meeting		
	Lajna, Khuddam & Ansar National Amila meetings		
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Jumua and Asr Prayers.		
3:45-5:00 p.m.	p.m. Sports Competitions for Khuddam, Ansar, Atfal,		
	Lajna	&	Nasirat.
5:15-6:15 p.m.	DINNER		
6:30-8:15 p.m.	Special Group meetings:	Doctors &	Pharmacists Assoc.,
	Engineers & Architects As	soc., Compu	ter Scientists, etc.
8:30-9:00 p.m.	Maghrih & Isha Pravers		

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1984

4:00-5:15 a.m.	Tahajjud Prayers	Inamul Haq Kausar
5:15-5:25 a.m.	Fajr Prayers	Amir & Missionary Incharge
5:25-5:35 a.m.	Darsul Qur'an	Ahmad Sadiq Mufti
5:35-5:45 a.m.	Dars-e-Hadith	M. Afzal Mirza
7:00-8:00 a.m.	BREAKFAST	

# FIRST SESSION

### Chaired by Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad

9:00-9:15 a.m.	Recitation of the Holy Quran	Hafiz Naseer Ahmad
9:15-9:25 a.m.		Zafar (New York)
9:25-9:40 a.m.	Messages from Markaz	4
9:40-10:00 a.m.	Inaugural Address	Amir & Missionary Incharge
10:00-10:30	Existence of Allah	Mustafa Sabet
10:30-11:00	The Holy Prophet Muhammad	Abid Hanif
11:00-11:10	Poem	Laeeq Butt
11:10-11:40	Ahmadiyya Beliefs	Munirud Din Shams
	Amir &	Missionary Incharge Canada
11:40-11:45	Announcements	

11:45-1:00 p.m. LUNCH

2:00-2:15 p.m. Zuhr & Asr Prayers

# SECOND SESSION

Chaired by Alhaj Muzaffar A. Zafr (Lajna will hold their separate session)			
2:30-2:40 p.m.	Recitation of the Holy Quran	Khalil Malik M.D.	
2:40-2:50 p.m.	Poem	Jameel Saeed	
2:50-3:20 p.m.	Zikr-e-Habeeb	Mirza MUzaffar Ahmad	

3:20-3:50 p.m.	Solution of World Turmoil in Islam	Yahya Sharif
3:50-4:20 p.m.	Why I accepted Islam	Habib Shafieeq
4:20-4:30 p.m.	Poem	Hameed Bhatti
4:30-5:00 p.m.		

# LAJNA SESSION (2:30-5:00 p.m.)

### 5:00-6:15 p.m. DINNER

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6:30-8:15 p.m. Sports Competitions, Finals 8:30-8:45 p.m. Maghrib & Isha Prayers 8:45-10:00 p.m. Question Answer Session

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1984

4:30-5:15 a.m.	Tahajjud Prayers	Mirza M. Afza
5:15-5:25 a.m.	Fajr Prayers	Amir & Missionary Incharge
5:25-5:35 a.m.	Darsul Quran	Zafar A. Sarwar
5:35-5:45 a.m.	Dars-e-Hadith	Munir A. Chaudhry
5:45-6:45 a.m.	<b>Religious Knowledge Test</b>	
7:00-8:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Group Photographs	

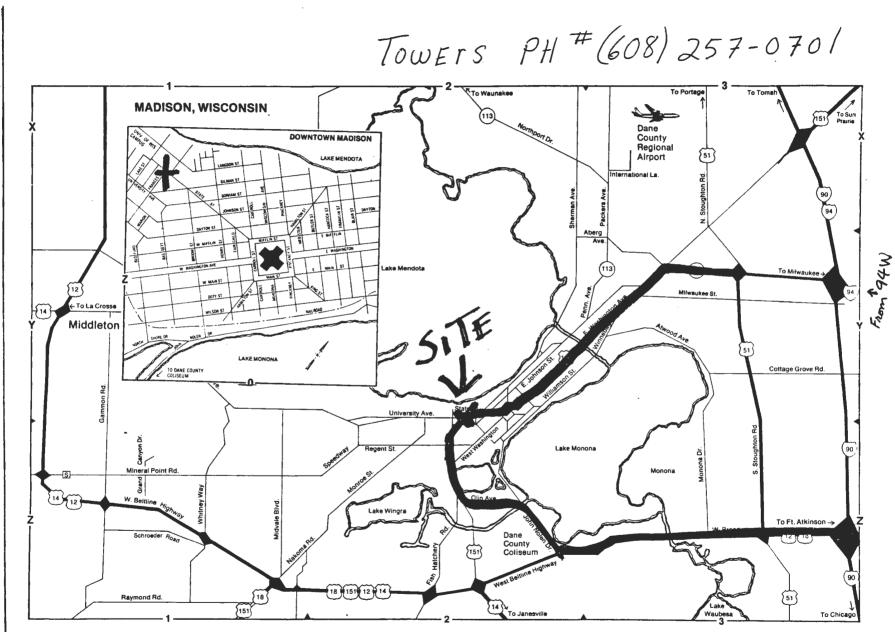
### THIRD SESSION

### Chaired by the Amir & Missionary Incharge

9:00-9:10 a.m.	Recitation of the Holy Quran		Abid Hanif
9:10-9:20	Poem		
9:20-9:50	Jama'at's Activity Report		General Secretary
9:50-10:00	Prize Distribution		
10:00-10:30	Present Day Fundamentalism ar Khalil A. Nasir	d its Cons	equences
10:30-11:00	Future of Ahmadiyyat in U.S.A.		Muzaffar A. Zafr
11:00-11:05	Announcements		
11:05-11:45	Closing Address	Amir & M	issionary Incharge
11:45-12:30	Winding up		
12:30-1:30 p.m	LUNCH		
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Zuhr & Asr Prayers.		

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