



INCIDENT REPORT

Unprecedented Wave of Anti-Ahmadi Persecution Escalates in Pakistan: Graves Desecrated, House Tagged, Mosques Under Urgent Threat

40 Ahmadi Graves Desecrated, Worshippers Under Attack—Police Side with Mobs Instead of Protecting Victims

The International Human Rights Committee (IHRC) is deeply alarmed to learn about reports having been submitted to the Police with the desecration of the 7 Graves in the Graveyard and Wall Chalking private residences under the hateful words of “Qadiani’s are infidels”.

The assailants desecrated around 33 Gravestones on 24 Jan 2025.

A total of 40 Gravestones were damaged. The delegation of the Ahmadiyya Community informed the Additional DPO Sheikhpura about the whole situation and lodged a complaint in writing along with the pictorial evidence.



Pictures: Extremists desecrated several Gravestones in Jan 2025 and wall chalking private residences under the hateful words of “Qadiani’s are infidels”.

The authorities were informed about the wall chalking of private residences carried out a few days back. However, the extremists carried out the wall chalking again and continue in their vile ways.

Similarly, the extremists continue carrying out illegal actions and have desecrated around 7 Gravestones from the Ahmadiyya Graveyard at Farooq Abad on the night of 21st January 2025.

Some tombstones were damaged, and black paint was applied upon some of them.

After the Daska Mosque was illegally demolished, the Members of Tehreek e Labbaik (TLP) are pressurising the Local Authorities to demolish the Minarets of the Ahmadiyya Mosque, SultanPura, Lahore, Punjab Pakistan.

Pressure tactics include TLP carrying out processions demanding the demolition of the Sultanpura Mosque. Additionally, on Sunday 26th January, a program of the Ahmadi Children was being held and at that very time the Clerics gathered outside Mosque and started raising hate slogans. The Clerics demanded that the Minarets should be demolished, and the Mosque should be closed.

The Clerics made the same demand while going to the Police Station that the Minarets of the Mosque should be brought down. The Minarets are already attached to the wall. Upon this illegal demand, they were given assurance by the Police that the matter will be resolved in a day. The Clerics, while delivering an address outside the Mosque said that the discussions have been carried out with the authorities, and they have given them the assurance that the Minarets would be demolished otherwise after 24 hours the Clerics will demolish the Minarets themselves.

On 26th January the Police covered the Minarets of the Ahmadiyya Worship Place at Sultan Pura with Sheets.

Police have registered a case against two Ahmadis, Mr. Shehzad Ahmad and Mr. Nadeem Ahmad at Misri Shah Police Station Lahore under Section 298-B, 298-C under FIR No. 318/25.

The Extremists are continuously creating an atmosphere of violence throughout the country and pressurising the authorities, particularly the Punjab Police, to harass Ahmadis to stop them from exercising their basic human right of worship and belief.

The Government of Pakistan must be held accountable for its duty to protect the Ahmadiyya community, ensuring their right to life, freedom of worship, and security of their mosques and properties, in line with its constitutional and international human rights obligations.

Pakistan is legally obligated to protect religious freedom under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which it ratified in 2010. But Pakistan has repeatedly been judged as violating its treaty obligations; for example, independent NGO Amnesty International in 2024 "highlighted the escalating blasphemy-related violence across the country and the use of vague and coercive blasphemy laws."

The IHRC appeals to Pakistani authorities to abide by the country's international legal human rights obligations, and to halt persecution of the Ahmadi community and other minority groups, both by civil society extremists and by government officials themselves. END