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## PRESS RELEASE

## PAKISTANI HATE PREACHER DEMANDS THE CLOSURE OF AHMADI FACTORY AND ISSUES THREATS TO AHMADI MUSLIMS IN PAKISTAN, UK, USA AND ALL OVER THE WORLD IN NEW SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEO

In a new <u>video</u><sup>1</sup>, a man wearing a black turban is seen issuing threats to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community not just in Pakistan but all over the world. His hatred and intolerance is spewed in a short clip posted on social media which has gone viral in Pakistan. The hate preacher states:

"When the servants of the Holy Prophet peace be upon him, deal with someone they don't spare even if he is Chosroes or Ceasar, let alone a mill."

He issues a bold threat stating that they will not spare anyone whether it is Chosroes or Ceasar.

In the video the hate preacher is frustrated that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community member owns a factory which he is trying to get shut down because of their religious

Screenshot of a new viral video, in which a man wearing a black turban is seen issuing threats to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community not just in Pakistan but all over the world.

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Isn't our God the same?

beliefs being seen as "Kafir" (Disbelievers).

He then issues a direct threat to America and France and Europe who he mentions by name and states that "the religion of the Prophet of Allah has come to dominate the whole world. We have to make sure it dominates."

This video shows the level of hatred and intolerance that is being spread in Pakistan against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community - a peaceful lawabiding and persecuted community whose motto is "Love for All, Hatred for None".

These videos inciting violence against Ahmadi Muslims have been circulating across social media and YouTube. The extremists have a history

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Link to a translated & subtitled video: https://bit.ly/AntiAhmadi19

of carrying out attacks against Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan, including the murder of Naseer Ahmad of Rabwah, Pakistan in August 2022.

Had the Punjab Government taken steps to apprehend these extremists back then, he would not have had the audacity to brazenly make demands to the authorities and continue threats against Ahmadi Muslims.

The International Human Rights Committee (IHRC) appeals to Pakistani authorities to apply national and international law to apprehend and prosecute these extremist clerics for incitement to violence nationally and internationally. Members of the international community should urge this action in view of the threat to international peace and security this extremism poses.

Such language is completely unacceptable and should not be taken lightly. Persecution against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has reached new heights in 2023 with 39 Mosques and Minarets of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Mosques all over Pakistan being deliberately destroyed, desecrated, vandalised and in some cases even knocked down and Ahmadi Muslims graveyards are not spared from the hatred either. Their graveyards are destroyed and desecrated.

Unfortunately, this is an indication of the unabated continuation of the demonisation, vilification and threatening of the community by radical clerics and is a denial of the basic freedoms of belief as enshrined in international human rights law.

Ahmadi Muslims are severely persecuted in Pakistan by both the state and the religious clergy and are unable to call themselves Muslims. Their shops are looted, false cases are made against them, and their Mosques are vandalised, all under the watch of the authorities.

IHRC ferociously condemns such malicious propaganda and attempts to defame and threaten with life this peaceful Muslim Community.

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 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 a new viral video, in which a man wearing a black turban is seen issuing threats to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community not just in Pakistan but all over the world:

"Isn't our God the same?

Whose name we recite in the Kalima, isn't out beloved the same?

So, can't we even shut down a mill? It will be done by the order of God.

That's not a big deal.

When the servants of the Holy Prophet peace be upon him, deal with someone they don't spare even if he is Chosroes or Caesar, let alone a mill.

We are going to deal with America next. Wherever their benefactors are in America, France, Europe, we'll deal with all of them.

Why do we have to deal with them? It is because the religion of the Prophet of Allah has come to dominate the whole world. We have to make sure it dominates."