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INCIDENT REPORT

ANOTHER INCIDENT OF EXTREME VIOLENCE - DESECRATION OF AHMADI MUSLIM GRAVES - EVEN A SEVEN-MONTH OLD CHILD'S GRAVE WAS NOT SPARED IN CHAK 203 R.B. MANAWALA, DISTRICT FAISALABAD, PAKISTAN

It is nauseating to let the world know that the local people in Pakistan have descended into such humiliating acts as desecrating the graves of Ahmadi Muslims. The government sponsored persecution of Ahmadis is rampant and the life of Ahmadis is made hell by denying them all their basic civic and human rights. The people would not leave Ahmadis alone even after they are buried. A total of 185 Ahmadiyya graves were desecrated this year.

IHRC has been informed that on the midnight of 21 & 22 August, an unfortunate incident took place when unknown person(s) desecrated 16 Ahmadi graves in a walled communal graveyard in Chak 203 R.B. Manawala, District Faisalabad. This graveyard is there since 1947. The culprits levelled all the said graves while desecrating.



Pictures of some desecrated graves of Ahmadi Muslims, an act of unknown person(s) on midnight of August 21-22 2022 in Chak 203 R.B. Manawala, District Faisalabad, Pakistan.

It is to be noted that Ahmadis have been living in Chak 203 R.B. Manawala, District Faisalabad since the establishment of Pakistan. There is a separate section for Ahmadis in the common cemetery that is walled. There are 35 graves of the Ahmadis in this graveyard.

IHRC has learnt that the actions have been taken to submit the application to the Police to take action about the incident. This act has caused immense grief amongst the bereaved families who are looking at the government for justice. This act is not only illegal but is clearly against all human values.

This continuous persecution testifies to the utter disregard of Ahmadiyya Community rights and creates a sense of deep insecurity within the Community. The Govt needs to take effective measures to stop this onslaught and hold the culprits accountable.

The world community must take serious notice of such distressful acts of delinquent behavior against humanity. These must be stopped. These are unacceptable.

This terrible situation requires urgent international intervention. Political and faith leaders from across the world recently met in London to secure Freedom of Religion and Belief for everyone worldwide yet here we are with absolute contradiction of all the Charters on Freedom of Religion. For the respect of all that was resolved in the international conference, the world must take immediate and urgent action to ensure that Ahmadis in Pakistan enjoy their full right to their religion and are able to freely practice their faith as required.

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.

We strongly urge the international community to impress upon the Government of Pakistan to honour its responsibility to provide effective protection and freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis and that perpetrators of such vicious attacks should be brought to justice, to bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 20 and United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 2, 18 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

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