

INCIDENT REPORT

AN AHMADI MAN MURDERED IN NAUKOT, MIRPUR KHAS, IN ANOTHER RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED ATTACK

Date: 13 Dec 2024

Location: Naukot, Mirpur Khas, Pakistan

Summary of Incident:

On 13 December 2024, Ameer Hassan, a 40-year-old member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan, was fatally shot near his home in Fazal Bhambhro, Naukot, district Mirpur Khas. The attack, carried out by two unidentified motorcyclists, occurred as Ameer Hassan returned home with his son after the morning prayer. The assailants asked for his name, and upon confirming his identity, opened fire on him. He was shot in the chest and died instantly. Ameer Hassan is survived by his wife, three daughters, and two sons, the youngest of whom is only eight months old.

Hassan was known as a peaceful individual and served as an office bearer of the community in his locality. Despite having no personal enmity or grudges with anyone, he had in the recent past been the target of religious hostility due to his faith.



Ongoing Wave of Violence Against Ahmadis:

The killing of Ameer Hassan marks the sixth targeted murder of an Ahmadi in Pakistan in 2024, underscoring a pattern of escalating violence against the community.

The latest tragic murder comes shortly after the 5 December killing of Tayyab Ahmad, a 40-year-old Ahmadi in Rawalpindi. Tayyab was brutally attacked with an axe while visiting his brother's shop. During the attack, the assailant made anti-Ahmadi slurs and alluded to previous threats warning Ahmadis to leave the area or face the consequences.

These murders highlight the dangerous impact of widespread incitement to

violence against Ahmadis, perpetuated by extremist groups and a lack of accountability by state authorities. Despite repeated attacks, no effective action has been taken to dismantle the networks that incite hate or to protect the lives of Ahmadis, leaving the community in a constant state of vulnerability.

Statement by the International Human Rights Desk:

The International Human Rights Desk condemns the continued targeted murder of innocent Ahmadis in Pakistan. These killings, which spread out over decades, have been met with insufficient action by state authorities. The lack of accountability and consistent failure to bring perpetrators to justice emboldens those who propagate hate and violence.

This disturbing trend reflects a systemic failure to protect minority communities in Pakistan, contravening both national and international obligations.

The International Human Rights Desk urgently calls on state authorities to:

1. Take immediate action to dismantle extremist networks that incite hatred and violence against Ahmadis.
2. Ensure perpetrators are held accountable under the law, with swift and transparent investigations.
3. Guarantee the protection of vulnerable communities, fulfilling its obligations under international human rights frameworks.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's resilience and commitment to peace in the face of such adversity is commendable, yet no community should be forced to endure such violence and systemic discrimination.

Conclusion:

The continued religiously motivated murders of Ahmadis serve as stark reminders of the challenges faced by members of the community in Pakistan and highlight the need for urgent action from both the state and the international community to ensure justice and the protection of the lives of vulnerable communities, in order to end this cycle of hate-fuelled violence.
