

*"Say not of those who are slain in the way of Allah that they are dead; nay, they are living, only you perceive not."*

# AHMADI MUSLIMS MURDERED FOR THEIR FAITH IN PAKISTAN



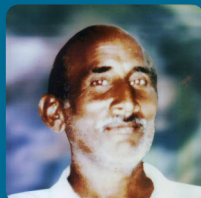
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## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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Extremists in Pakistan murdered eleven Ahmadi Muslims in faith-based attacks during 2014. In one incident, a mob of 150 attacked an Ahmadi Muslim neighbourhood in Gujranwala, burning numerous households and deliberately locking a group of Ahmadi Muslims in a house before setting it alight, resulting in the death of one lady, two children and the loss of one unborn child. Other shocking attacks included police taking an Ahmadi Muslim man into custody for practicing a 'blasphemous' faith, before allowing a local boy access to his cell, where he shot the Ahmadi Muslim dead. In another instance, an American Ahmadi Muslim cardiac surgeon travelled to Pakistan on a three-week humanitarian mission, before being brutally murdered for his faith. Extremists show no respect to those who serve Pakistan; a retired member of the Pakistan Air Force, Lateef Alam Butt, was murdered for his faith in his hometown. Despite the continued persecution, Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan and around the world respond only through prayer, patience and law-abiding means. Here we present a report on this year's martyrs.



## MR MUBARAK AHMAD BAJWA

132<sup>nd</sup>  
Ahmadi martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Unknown, confirmed 2014

LOCATION:  
Unknown location in Pakistan

Bajwa was abducted along in 2009 by Terhik-e-Taliban extremists. Police were unable to resolve the matter until 2014, when new information came to. A terrorist was arrested by police and admitted murdering Bajwa. The terrorist told police he kept Bajwa imprisoned and chained before stabbing him to death and burying his remains in a pit. He explained he had done so because he objected to Bajwa's Ahmadiyya beliefs and was ordered to kill him by a Taliban commander. Born in 1953, Mr Bajwa worked as a farmer and was known for his honest, gentle and friendly personality. He leaves behind a widow, four sons, two brothers and a sister.

## MASTER ARSALAN SARWAR

Unidentified men murdered Sarwar, aged only 17. He and his friends were decorating the street to mark the birthday of the Holy Prophet Muhammadsa when men in a vehicle began to fire at them. Sarwar was struck in the forehead and died in hospital three hours later. Sarwar was loved by all, Ahmadi Muslims and non-Ahmadis alike. He worked voluntarily with the local Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and also made financial contributions. He is survived by his parents and three brothers.



133<sup>rd</sup>  
Ahmadi martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Tuesday, 14 January 2014

LOCATION:  
Rawalpindi, Pakistan



## MR RAZIUD DIN

Unidentified motorcyclists shot Din in front of his wife and nephew, making him the fifth Ahmadi Muslim murdered for his faith by extremists in the Orangi Town neighbourhood of Karachi within the space of six months. Din, 27, left behind his wife, parents and a daughter aged 2.

**134<sup>th</sup>**  
Ahmadi martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Saturday, 8 February 2014

LOCATION:  
Karachi, Pakistan

## MR KHALIL AHMAD



Ahmad was brutally murdered in police custody at Sharq-Pur Police Station. The deceased had been arrested some earlier on entirely baseless blasphemy charges, along with three other Ahmadi Muslims, following an overt anti-Ahmadiyya campaign by local extremists. Ahmad was denied bail before a young assailant was granted access to his cell, where he shot and killed Ahmad.

**135<sup>th</sup>**  
Ahmadi martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Friday, 16 May 2014

LOCATION:  
Shaikhpura, Pakistan





## DR MEHDI ALI QAMAR

136<sup>th</sup>  
Ahmadi martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Monday, 26 May 2014

LOCATION:  
Rabwah, Pakistan

Militant extremists murdered an American Ahmadi Muslim humanitarian worker in a faith-based attack. Qamar had taken his wife and two-year-old son to visit the graves of loved ones at a local cemetery when he was brutally gunned down by two men on motorbikes in a targeted killing. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The 51-year-old doctor was on a three-week medical mission to Pakistan, volunteering at Rabwah's Tahir Heart Institute. He had arrived in Pakistan just 2 days earlier from the US. The award-winning, internationally-recognised cardiac surgeon is survived by his wife and three children.

## MR IMTIAZ AHMAD

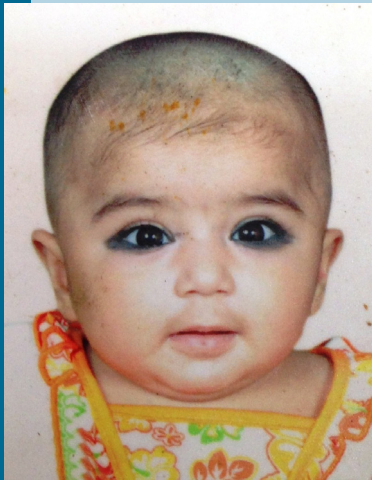
A young Ahmadi Muslim father was murdered because of his beliefs in Benzairabad. Ahmad was standing in front of his furniture shop in a busy market place at 4:30 pm, when unknown assailants opened fire, resulting in fatal bullet wounds to Ahmad's head and side.



137<sup>th</sup>  
Ahmadi martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Sunday, 13 July 2014

LOCATION:  
Nawabshah, Pakistan



Top: Hina, Bottom: Kianaat  
Right: Gujranwala attack



# THE GUJRWALA MARTYRS 2014

**138<sup>th</sup>-140<sup>th</sup>**  
Ahmadis martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Sunday, 27 July 2014

LOCATION:  
Gujranwala, Pakistan

Anti-Ahmadiyya extremists gathered for a pre-planned 'protest' in Gujranwala at a place where more than 15 Ahmadi Muslim families lived close to each other. The extremists gathered on the false pretext that an Ahmadi Muslim youth had defaced a picture of a sacred Islamic site. Soon the 'protest' turned into a violent and murderous attack where the homes of Ahmadi Muslims were burnt, ransacked and looted. In total eight homes belonging to Ahmadi Muslims were burnt by anti-Ahmadi extremists. When the protest commenced two police vehicles were present but the on-duty police merely watched as the violence commenced. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community immediately responded and sought to evacuate the houses. However, due to the extent of the flames they were unable to evacuate one home in time and so three Ahmadi Muslims, Bibi and her two granddaughters Hira, seven, and Kianaat, an infant, were left trapped and died of smoke inhalation and consequent suffocation. Another Ahmadi Muslim relative, Mrs Mubashara Bibi, who was seven months pregnant, suffered a miscarriage. Eight other Ahmadi Muslim women and children suffered injuries and are being treated for burns at a local hospital. The anti-Ahmadi extremists subsequently obstructed members of the fire brigade, who were forced to retreat before being able to extinguish the flames. Similarly, ambulances at the scene were pelted with stones. Later, more police officers attended the scene but took no immediate action whilst Ahmadi Muslim homes continued to be looted.



## MR MUBASHAR AHMAD KHOSA

**141<sup>st</sup>**  
Ahmadi martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Thursday, 25 September 2014

LOCATION:  
Mirpur Khas, Pakistan

Unknown gunmen murdered an Ahmadi Muslim medical practitioner at his clinic in a targeted killing. Khosa, 50, was attending to patients when two gunmen entered his clinic and shot him repeatedly before fleeing on a motorbike. Khosa was rushed to hospital but succumbed to his injuries en route. He leaves behind his wife and four children.

## MR LATEEF ALAM BUTT



Religious extremists murdered a retired member of the Pakistani Air Force due to his being an Ahmadi Muslim. Butt, 62, was shot in Kamrah, Punjab, on his way home from the stationary shop at which he worked. His house had regularly been used as a prayer centre by local Ahmadi Muslims and Mr Butt was known for his gentle personality. He leaves behind a widow, four sons and a daughter.

**142<sup>nd</sup>**  
Ahmadi martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Wednesday, 15 October 2014

LOCATION:  
Kamrah, Pakistan





# MR LUQMAN AHMAD

**143<sup>rd</sup>**  
Ahmadi martyred for  
their faith since 2010

DATE:  
Saturday, 27 December 2014

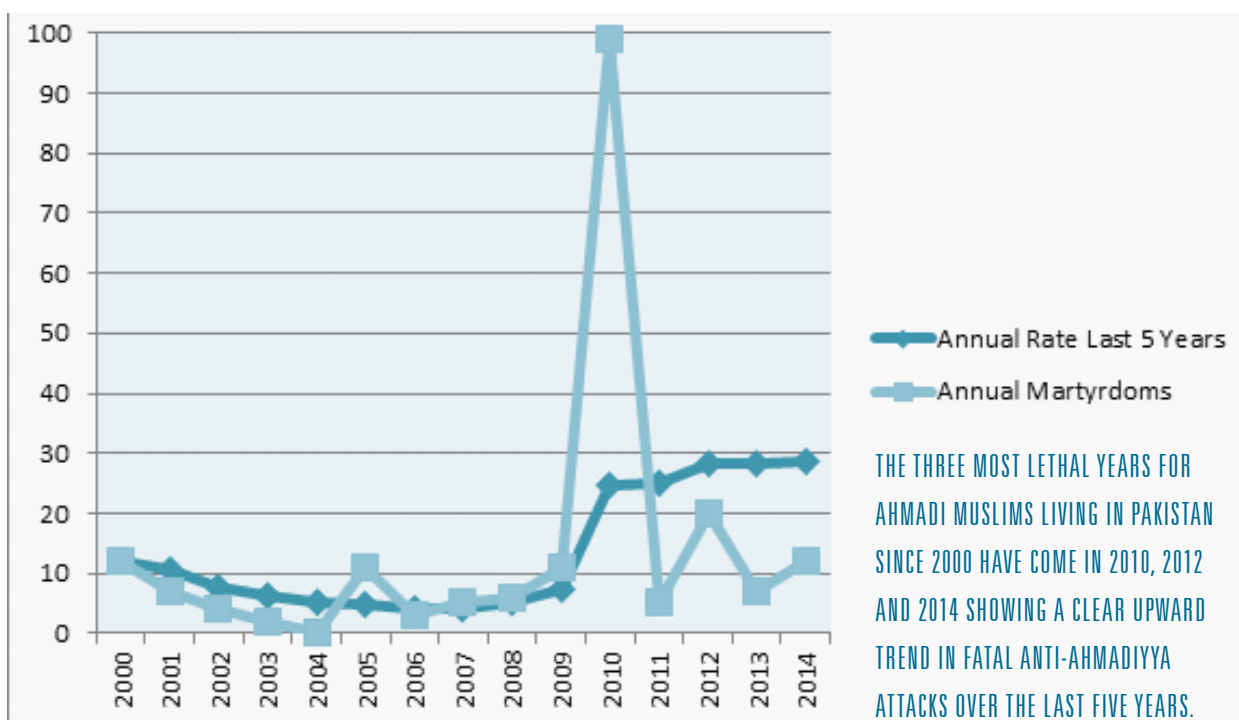
LOCATION:  
Gujranwala, Pakistan

Extremists killed Luqman Ahmad, 27, just days after a national television programme, Subh Pakistan, hosted by Aamir Liaquat Hussain on Geo TV aired hate-speech against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. In 2008, a similar programme broadcast by Geo with the same host described Ahmadi Muslims as 'Wajibul Qatl' – meaning it is a 'duty' of Muslims to kill them. Following the broadcast of that programme two well-known Ahmadi Muslim leaders were brutally martyred within two days. Ahmad was shot dead on the way from his home to the farm he owned and worked at. He was known for his virtuous personality and held no enmity towards others.

## STATISTICS

### Targeted Killing of Ahmadis: 2000-2014

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"Dr Qamar Ali Mehdi was no ordinary doctor. While he held the Young Investigator Award by the American College of Cardiology and was identified among America's Top Physicians for the year 2003-2004 and America's Top Cardiologists for years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. He also held the Physician Recognition Award by the American Medical Association. His bespectacled bright face smiled next to his profile that read: 'I believe in delivering the best possible patient care, maintaining the highest professional standards, contributing to the progress of the institutions I am affiliated with. My first priority is to deliver my professional responsibilities with competency, honesty and integrity.' And with competence, honesty and integrity, he did. I am sorry, Dr Qamar Ali Mehdi, I failed to protect you but I raise my voice against this persecution."



"Qamar's killing follows the fatal shooting of a 61-year-old Ahmadi man last week. A teenage gunman killed Khalil Ahmad in police custody after the grandfather was arrested on blasphemy charges for objecting to stickers denouncing his religion. Blasphemy carries the death penalty in Pakistan and cases against both religious minorities and Muslims are rising. Some mullahs promise that killing Ahmadis earns a place in heaven and give out leaflets listing their home addresses. Few attacks are ever solved, even when the victims can identify their attackers. Seven Ahmadis were killed and 16 survived attempted assassinations last year, according to an annual report produced by the Ahmadi community in Pakistan. Others were driven from their homes or had businesses seized."



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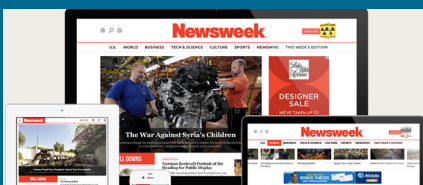
"Last week an elderly woman and her two minor grand daughters were burnt alive in Gujranwala by a charged mob. A week of silence has passed since then. No suo motu notice of the mob attack was taken, no joint investigation team was formed to investigate the incident, no judicial inquiry was ordered and no political party protested the killings. Roads were not blocked in protest. There were no arrests. The victims were members of the Ahmadi community, which means they see a different side of Pakistan's judicial and political processes than most citizens."



"Gunmen in eastern Pakistan shot dead a member of the Ahmadi religious minority on Saturday, an Ahmadi spokesman said, five days after a Muslim leader denounced Ahmadis on a popular Pakistani television talk show. Luqman Ahmad Shehzad was shot in the back of the head near Bhiri Shah Rehman village, a small community of Ahmadis in the Gujranwala district, said Saleem ud Din, the spokesman. On Monday, Muslim leader Syed Arif Shah Owaisi appeared on a popular morning television show hosted by Pakistani host Aamir Liaquat Hussain. 'This enemy is a common enemy and is an enemy of all of Pakistan. And this enemy is the sect of Qadiyani,' Owaisi said, using a derogatory term for Ahmadis. 'They are the ones blaspheming against the holy prophet. All us Muslims should recognise that

**Daily Mail**

"Gunmen in southern Pakistan shot dead a doctor from the Ahmadi Muslim minority, police and members of the community said on Tuesday, in the latest attack on one of the country's most persecuted groups. The assailants stormed Mubashar Ahmad Khosa's clinic in the city of Mirpur Khas on Monday evening. Khosa, who was a well-known doctor in the area, succumbed to his injuries on his way to hospital. A police officer said that in 2008, another Ahmadi doctor was gunned down in a similar way in the same city. Ahmadis are one of the most persecuted minority groups in Pakistan. They are frequently attacked, accused of blasphemy and subjected to discrimination in education and the workplace."



"A mob burned down the homes of a small Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan's Punjab province on 27 July, after a resident was accused of blasphemy. Two children and their grandmother died of smoke inhalation and several others were seriously injured. On the evening of 27 July, a local Muslim man accused a man from the Ahmadiyya religious community in Gujranwala district of posting blasphemous content on his Facebook page. The Ahmadiyya are a small religious community who consider themselves Muslim, but are regarded as heretics by many Muslims in Pakistan and suffer frequent violent attacks and officially-sanctioned discrimination."

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