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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
5th Floor Evacuee Trust Complex, F-5/1,
Agha Khan Road, Islamabad.



Islamabad, 25th September, 2023

Subject: **CONCERN REGARDING THREATS TO AHMADIYYA
WORSHIP PLACES**

Dear Sir,

The National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) is a statutory body set up under the NCHR Act XVI of 2012. The NCHR Act, 2012 stipulates a broad and overarching mandate for the promotion and protection of human rights, as provided for in Pakistan's Constitution, domestic law and international treaties. Amidst others, the primary functions of the NCHR include investigating into allegations of human rights abuses and advising the Government on legislative, policy and administrative matters pertaining to the situation of human rights in the country.

2. NCHR is gravely concerned about the safety and security of religious minority communities in Pakistan, including the Ahmadiyya community. On September 17th-18th, 2023, our NCHR team visited Rabwah (Chenab Nagar) to assess human rights complaints filed by the Ahmadiyya Community. During our visit, we learned of grave threats to Ahmadiyya worship places. Most alarming is a threat to a historic worship place in Daska that was built before Partition by Sir Zafarullah Khan, a prominent figure in the Pakistan Movement and our country's first foreign minister.

3. Lahore High Court had issued an order last month, which declared that the minarets on Ahmadiyya community's worship places, erected prior to the 1984 law, cannot be demolished or altered. Despite this, several have been subjected to threats, acts of violence and vandalism. These threats and acts of violence not only violate their fundamental human rights but also undermine the principles of religious tolerance and coexistence that are integral to our nation's fabric.

4. In light of the above, it is imperative that the government take concrete steps to ensure the protection of the Ahmadiyya community and their places of



worship. We look forward to receiving information about the government's actions and measures to address this serious issue.

Yours Sincerely,


(Manzoor Masih)

Member Minorities

1. **The Chief Minister,
Government of Punjab,
Lahore.**
2. **The Chief Secretary,
Government of Punjab,
Lahore.**
3. **The Home Secretary,
Government of Punjab,
Lahore.**
4. **The Inspector General of Police,
Government of Punjab,
Lahore.**