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International Headquarters:
RABWAH, WEST PAKISTAN

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" THE AHMADIYYA NEWS BULLETIN "

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We would like to inform our members that a special message was communicated to the Government of Pakistan by the Ambassador the same day. In response, we have received a few communications from Government of Pakistan through the Embassy which we are re-producing in the following pages. These, as you will notice, are self explanatory.

We will get in touch with you should we receive any other news. In the meantime all members across Canada are requested to offer special prayers. May Allah be with all. Aamin.

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Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting and that of Ijina will be held on Sunday July 7/1974.

Time - 2 p.m.

Place - Central Y.M.C.A., College Street,
Toronto

PLEASE ATTEND PUNCTUALLY.

MESSAGE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN RECEIVED BY EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN, OTTAWA AND COMMUNICATED TO US BY THE COUNSELLOR ON JUNE 6/1974 ON TELEPHONE :-

" I have watched with pain and anguish the disturbances in certain places in the Punjab. I must make it very clear that the Government is resolved not to let law and order be subverted. A commission of enquiry headed by a High Court Judge has been constituted to investigate the facts about the incident from which the disturbances originated. All citizens should await its findings which will be made public. There is not the slightest doubt that we can effectively deal with those who try to create anarchy and take the law in their own hands. The Government will not permit civil strife of any kind in the country. I appeal to my countrymen to co-operate with the Government in this effort. We simply cannot afford to encourage or even tolerate the forces of disunity. We face far too many problems to let any trend develop towards disturbance of law and order. All Pakistanis should pause and reflect. We are passing through crucial times and developments of far reaching character are taking place all around us. Is our response to India's atomic blast to be that we should quarrel among ourselves and attempt to tear ourselves apart. We have to face the present situation as a responsible and mature people. It must be clearly understood that the Central and Provincial authorities will take every measure to protect the life and property of all citizens of Pakistan. We are too poor a country afflicted with enough natural economic problems to permit any damage to Pakistan."

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To-day (June 15/74) we are gathering at the residence of our brother Munir Ahmad to offer special prayers for safety and welfare of all Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan.

May Allah bestow His Mercy on all of us. Amin.

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June 7, 1974

Dear Mr. Khalifa,

The Ambassador has asked me to express to you and your colleagues and friends his appreciation of your visit to the Embassy on June 5, 1974. Not only was it a pleasure to have the benefit of meeting your distinguished delegation, but it enabled the Ambassador to gain first-hand understanding of the issues which were agitating not only your minds but those of every Pakistani following the sad incident at Rabwah. Your deep concern and your feelings expressed so eloquently by you and your colleagues were conveyed in detail to the Government of Pakistan.

As you will see from the set of press clippings I am enclosing, the Government have taken stern measures to ensure communal peace and order. Prime Minister Bhutto has made it quite clear that the forces of anarchy will not be allowed to succeed.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Khalid Hasan

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Friday May 31, 1974 - "Crowds destroy shops in Pakistan".
Lahore, Pakistan - Angry crowds in the Punjab Industrial
centre of Lyallpur yesterday destroyed shops owned by
members of the Ahmadi sect. Police reported the demonstra-
tors were Sunni Muslims, retaliating for a religious clash
on Wednesday at Rabwah, 35 miles to the west, in which 30
students were injured

Tuesday June 4, 1974 - "27 dead in Pakistan rioting."
Lahore - Five days of riots between orthodox Muslims and
Qadiani Muslims in Pakistan have left 27 people dead and
2000 in jail, authoritative sources here reported. Because
of a Govt. ban on reporting of the riots by press, radio
and television, no official information on the disturbances
was available. But sources said rioting continued in Gujran-
wala, Lyallpur and Sialkot, all in Punjab province adjoining
India.

Wednesday June 5/1974 - Pakistan riots may be easing, sources
report.

Lahore, Pakistan (AP) Religious rioting continued in the
Punjabi provincial capital of Lahore yesterday. More than 20
people were injured and 27 arrested, authoritative sources
reported.

Six days of fighting between orthodox Muslims and
members of Ahmadi Muslim sect, known as Qadianis in Pakistan,
have taken at least 30 lives.

Police used tear gas to break up the Lahore Rioters
who set fire to many shops and offices the sources said.
Incidents were also reported in Pakistan's three other provi-
nces, but the sources said the over-all situation appeared
to be cooling down.

The fighting was sparked last Wednesday when mem-
bers of the sect reportedly dragged 200 medical students
from a train in the Punjab city of Rabwah, worldwide head-
quarters for Ahmadis, and attacked them. The students chan-
ted slogans against the sect when passing through the town
a week earlier.

So far, the sources say about 230 people have been
seriously injured in the riots and more than 2000 arrested.
Mosques have been burned and homes and businesses ransacked
by the Ahmadis, who do not accept Mohammad as the final
prophet of Islam as do orthodox Moslems