



May 28, 2014

His Excellency Jalil Abbas Jilani
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Your Excellency:

We are writing to express our profound concern over the recent killing in Chanab Nagar, Pakistan of Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar, an American citizen. Dr. Qamar had recently arrived in Pakistan to provide humanitarian service to heart patients.

According to numerous media reports in the United States, Dr. Qamar was allegedly targeted due to his status as a member of the Ahmadiyya community. From what has been reported, this occurred after leaflets had been distributed; the leaflets threatened anyone who sought treatment at the facility where Qamar was to volunteer.

Because of the apparent bias motive for this attack, and because the motive seems to target a religious minority, we ask that you urge your government to conduct a full, transparent investigation of this murder.

We stand with you and with all those in Pakistan who seek a society based on justice and safety for every guest and citizen, regardless of ethnic background or religious belief. However, we feel it is vitally important that, once apprehended, those who perpetrated and encouraged this murder are held fully responsible through a fair and public trial.

CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nihad Awad", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Nihad Awad
Executive Director

CC: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs Richard E. Hoagland, U.S. Department of State