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#### **PRESS RELEASE**

# 23 AHMADIYYA STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM PUNJAB MEDICAL COLLEGE

### Arbitrary persecution of Ahmadiyya Jama'at in Pakistan continues

All 23 Ahmadiyya Muslim students studying at the Punjab Medical College in Faisalabad, Pakistan have been expelled for no other reason than their membership of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, a Community based upon teachings of peace, equality and tolerance.

Following pressure from members of the Islami-Jamiat-e-Tulaba, a nationwide student organisation in Pakistan, the Principal of the Punjab Medical College issued a notice confirming that the 23 Ahmadiyya students had been expelled.

The justification for the expulsions was totally baseless and spurious. It is yet another example of the cruelty that Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan have to contend with. The twenty-three students included eight males and fifteen females. Four of the students, all female, were in their final year of college and thus were only months away from qualification.

The Press Spokesman of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community said:

"Recently the National Assembly of Pakistan made a submission to the UN Human Rights Council in which it stated its commitment to investing and supporting the education of its citizens, as well as safeguarding the rights of all minority groups. It is thus most unfortunate that less than one month later, this violation of basic human rights has been allowed. It is hoped that this wholly unjust decision is revoked immediately."

### **End of Release**

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