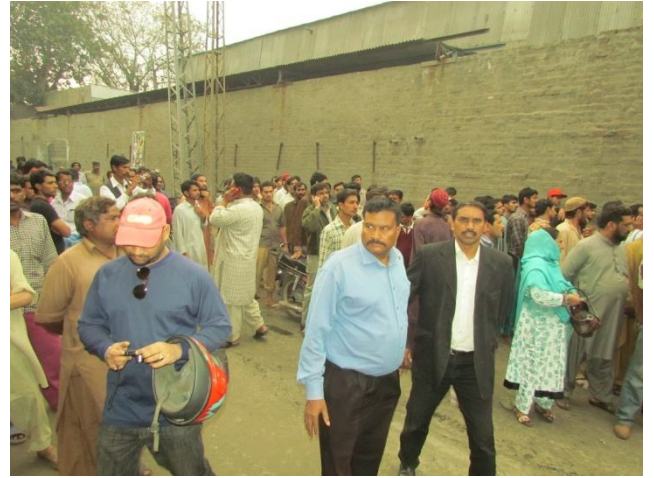


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Lahore: Alleged desecrator sent to jail on judicial remand

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Earlier, police arrested Sawan Masih, 26, after he was alleged to have committed blasphemy. He was booked under Section 295-C. According to sources the alleged desecrator will be trialed in the jail.

Even earlier than that, hundreds of angry protesters on Saturday set ablaze more than 178 houses/shops of Christians over a blasphemy row in Lahore, the capital of Pakistan's most populous province, Punjab, officials said.

Over 3,000 protesters turned violent over derogatory remarks against Prophet Mohammed allegedly made by Sawan Masih, a 28-year-old Christian, three days earlier, a police official said. The exact number of houses in Joseph Colony, a Christian neighborhood in Badami Bagh area, is not immediately known but police and rescue officials said they belonged to lower-to-middle-class families from the minority community. President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf has ordered an immediate inquiry into the attacks "Thick clouds of smoke engulfed the small houses, mostly consisting of one or two rooms, and many of them looked like parts of charred walls," said an eyewitness.

Accordingly Dr Ahmad Raza, in-charge of local rescue operations, and the independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) "Protesters burnt more than 200 houses, 28 shops and two small churches were burnt by protesters".

Protesters began to assemble in the area on Saturday morning and later set on fire houses and other items including furniture, eatable things, crockery, auto rickshaws, bicycles and motorbikes belonging to local Christians.

Blasphemy is an extremely sensitive issue in Pakistan, where 97 percent of the population is Muslim, and allegations of insulting a religious figure prompt violent outbursts of public anger, even when unproven.







LAHORE: A frenzied mob on Saturday went on rampage, torching over 100 houses in Joseph Colony in Lahore's Badami Bagh area, Geo News reported.

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A senior police officer Javed Khalid said Badami Bagh Police charged a 26-year old man Sawan Masih with blasphemy and booked him under Section 295-C. He said the accused had been arrested.

Geo News reporter said tension prevailed in the area since last night and on Saturday angry protesters went out of control.

They pelted police officials with stones, leaving several injured. Police have failed in containing the protesters.

The police requested some Muslim clerics to intervene and bring the situation under control.

President, Prime Minister, CM Punjab take notice

President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf and CM Punjab Shehbaz Sharif have taken notice of the incident while CM Punjab has ordered a judicial inquiry.





Testimonies



These are two Sisters who are weeping and crying after attacked and both homes lost their all belongings and one sister lost her daughter – these bad people burnt her daughter and she died.



Her name is Comala Bibi and after attacked she is crying and weeping because she lost all the belonging and after burnt her home there is nothing left and her family flew from this area just few minutes before attacked.



His name is Akram and after attacked there is nothing left in his home these crazy brutal people brunt his home and all the belonging to him and his family



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Her name is Bushra and she is Widow and after mobs attacked her is totally burnt out and as you can see there is nothing left all the items in this home and belonging furniture, beds, clothing and eatable things just becomes kola.