



# Weekly Report

**Pakistan**  
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*"[Ludhianvi] ran an election campaign on his anti-Shi'ite agenda, it is not possible that he won't bring it into the Assembly."* -Tahir Ashrafi, chairman of the All Pakistan Ulema Council

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## ***Pakistan bomb blast kills at least 21***

- A bomb killed at least 21 people in a crowded market in the outskirts of Islamabad.
- The United Baloch Army, a group seeking to break away the province of Baluchistan, claimed responsibility. The little known group also took responsibility for a train bombing earlier this week that killed 16 people.
- Officials were skeptical about the group's claim about the market attack, suspecting instead people who wish to sabotage talks with the Taliban. The Taliban denied responsibility, claiming to never attack public places.
- Source: Wall Street Journal

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304640104579490581719003974>

## ***Pakistan needs a law to protect Hindus from forced conversion***

- According to a report by the Movement for Solidarity and Peace in Pakistan, 700 Christian and 300 Hindu women are being forced to convert and marry Muslim men. Girls aged between 12 and 25 are being kidnapped. Once married, they can face abuse, rape and forced prostitution. Christians are primarily in danger in Punjab.
- Nearly 20 Pakistani parliamentarians are Hindu.
- Source: Daily Mail Online India

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/indiahome/indianews/article-2601827/Pakistan-needs-law-protect-Hindus-forced-conversion.html>

## ***Pakistani leader of banned sectarian group gets parliament seat***

- Ahmed Ludhianvi will represent the city of Jhang, in Punjab province, in Parliament, after Pakistan's Election Commission disqualified the candidate who defeated him. The candidate intends to appeal.
- Ludhianvi is the leader of Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamat, a banned sectarian group that activists blame for killing hundreds of people. He has previously denounced Shi'ite Muslims, representing 20 percent of Pakistan's population, but has insisted he does not incite violence.
- Source: Chicago Tribune

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-pakistan-militants-elected-20140410,0,5244164.story>

## ***Pakistan ruling party lawyer killed in renewed violence***

- In Gulshane Iqbal town, gunmen killed Waqar Shah, vice president of Pakistan Muslim League's Lawyers Forum. Lawyers have called for a boycott of court proceedings and a sit-in on the main roads of Karachi.
- At least 12 people were gunned down in the city on April 9-10. A special investigation team has been formed.
- Source: Gulf News

<http://gulfnews.com/news/world/pakistan/pakistan-ruling-party-lawyer-killed-in-renewed-violence-1.1317773>