



Weekly Report

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Official: Pakistani kills man accused of blasphemy

- A man walked into a police station and shot an Ahmadi man to death. The victim had been arrested for blasphemy.
- Ahmadis are forbidden from publicly declaring their faith, calling their places of worship mosques, or performing the Muslim call to prayer.
- In blasphemy cases, judges often hold court inside jail for safety reasons.
- Source: Washington Post

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/official-pakistani-kills-man-accused-of-blasphemy/2014/05/16/6a30c1a6-dd21-11e3-a837-8835df6c12c4_story.html

Pakistan's NW back to normal after 8-day curfew

- North Waziristan was under curfew for 8 days following an attack on a military convoy, causing a shortage of food, medicines, and supplies.
- It will take more than a few days for most towns and villages to acquire adequate supplies after this curfew. Commercial and private vehicles are usually prohibited from entering North Waziristan after sunset.
- The region is host to rival militant groups: the Haqqani network, which allegedly attacks foreign forces across the border, and the Taliban.
- Source: World Bulletin

<http://www.worldbulletin.net/todays-news/136575/pakistans-nw-back-to-normal-after-8-day-curfew>

"[The rebels] come from mountains, attack, and speed away leaving us behind to bear the brunt of army actions and curfew."

—Malik Jalil, a resident of Miranshah, North Waziristan

Ballooning Pakistan blasphemy charges engulf television stations

- Scores of people have accused Geo Television of blasphemy for playing a song about the marriage of Prophet Muhammad's daughter. Despite apologizing, the station has received death threats.
- Also accused is ARY, a station that alleged the song was blasphemous while broadcasting clips of the show.
- Source: Reuters

<http://ca.reuters.com/article/topNews/idCABREA4J0B020140520>

Pakistani Hindu lawmaker demands law against forced conversion

- The Pakistani parliament is set to discuss the Hindu Marriage Act, needed to protect against the forced conversion of Hindu girls on the pretext of marriage. Currently, Hindu marriages are not registered anywhere, which is problematic because the National Database Registration Authority accepts affidavits declaring a person is someone's spouse as proof of marriage.
- Source: Times of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/pakistan/Pakistani-Hindu-lawmaker-demands-law-against-forced-conversion/articleshow/35442634.cms>