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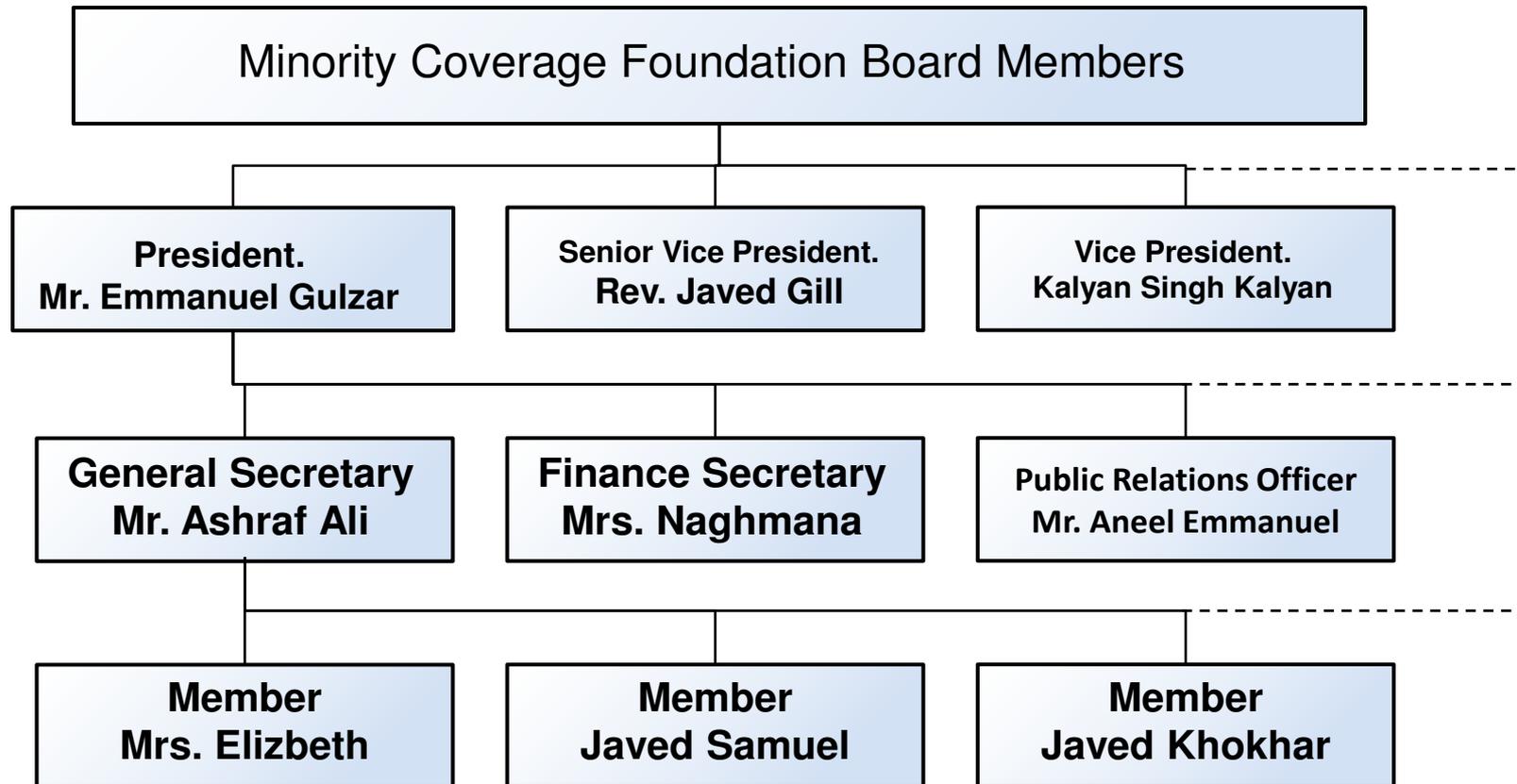
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Minority Coverage Foundation has a board consisting of nine members representing different walks of life but share similar concerns for the promotion of Human Rights



Minority Coverage Foundation Organizational Structure





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Acknowledgments

I would like to acknowledge all efforts and hardworking to all the individuals especially **M.C.F Staff** for compiling this report for the year 2014. My appreciation and gratitude for those who supported and at present supporting the struggle for defending and protecting the human rights as well as making this World of worries to peaceful. I am thankful to God Almighty for brilliant and devoted team for their constant efforts for presenting our point of view against all forms of discrimination/legislations in the name of religion and our demands for equal status in the country for Non-Muslim citizens in the country. I also acknowledge the role of **M.C.F Pakistan** for lobbying and raising awareness of misuse of blasphemy laws.

I would like to have a high regard for those who contributed professionally to make this report available.

Emmanuel Gulzar

President & Founder



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ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Summary:

The present critical situation in Pakistan is that of increasing economic and Political instability and destabilized government resulting in losing its control. The biggest threat confronting Pakistan is the growing control of Taliban and the allies of Al Qaeda. The increasing number of Bomb blasts, suicide attacks resulting killings of innocent citizens and law-enforcement personnel across the country, throughout the greatest threat to fundamental rights of the citizens as well as to the human rights defenders. The critical rising situation of inflation, unemployment, worst law and order situation, extra judicial killings, target killings, forced disappearances, violence against women, religious intolerance, discriminatory practices against religious minorities such as misuse of blasphemy law, Hudood Ordinances, injustices and sexual harassment at workplace against non-Muslims and attacks on places of worship are alarming for grave threats to peace and security in the country. The sad fact is that the Parliament did not Pay adequate attention to the vital issues, quite a few which affected national security, except for an initiative it took to address the uprising militancy and law and order situation .

Country's jails are overcrowded and poorly managed and victims of blasphemy are at high risk in the jails. The Police is at short of personnel which are thoroughly corrupt and poorly trained to check the crime rate, it relies on shortcuts like extra judicial killings of the accused in the so called encounters. The failure of the criminal justice administration was also reflected in the increased incidents of crimes against women – the number of honor killings , rape, domestic torture and acid attacks/burning with other ways etc noticed throughout the year. The outright disrespect of fundamental rights both by the state and the communal elements was also visible in the crimes and excesses perpetrated against religious minorities while the gangsters went on rampage in every part of the country. The registration of false blasphemy cases were also noticed in the last year which over the years have been exploited by fanatics and vested interests to perpetuate a reign of terror against the non-Muslim citizens of the country. The government again was too timid to take on the obscurantist elements and make amendments in the law .

The media despite of all its shortcomings played a vital role in raising the issues of public interest and highlighted the lackadaisical performance of the government. The media also remained under attack from both the state and non-state actors and faced restrictions as well as many media personnel were brutally killed for free reporting. Finally the extremely large floods that began to hit Pakistan heavy monsoon rains have made miserable the country awfully. The various estimates reveals that the flooding destroyed millions of houses as a result injured and became homeless, fell in different diseases such as skin infections , Malaria, stomach problems after forced to drink unsafe water. The large scale displacement has also damaged the agricultural land and the country's major and most important crops such as wheat, rice, sugarcane and cotton etc. The agriculture and livestock have been totally spoiled . Whereas women, children and old aged persons were the most vulnerable. However the worst displacement , deaths, injuries are the most horrible calamity in our history as well as the history of the World. The major concerns were that the poor farmers were unable to harvest crops immediately. Agriculture crops such as , cotton, rice and sugarcane were badly affected in the province of Punjab.

The current flooding is blamed on unparalleled above average rainfall. The record breaking rainfall has also displaced millions of people from their houses. The death toll could rise in various smashed towns and villages which are not easily reached and communications have been disturbed . The flooding water damaged the health care infrastructure in the affected areas alarmingly caused water borne diseases. The minority communities as Christians, Hindus, Sikhs and Ahmadiyyas were also caught up in the flooding but they were not rescued by the rescue teams and they gave priority to the Muslims. The non- Muslims were excluded from the relief camps and were not provided food and other needs at their damaged homes or other areas where they were living in the flood affected places. Minority Coverage Foundation along with Civil Society organizations tried it's level best to raise the core issues faced by the minorities in Pakistan and demonstrated continuous struggle to protect religious minorities from hatred, discriminations, violent attacks and maltreatment in the name of religion by the extremists and other religious fundamentalists.

Submitted By:

Emmanuel Gulzar
President & Founder
Minority Coverage Foundation

Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar, President, Minority Coverage Foundation presented a “ Shield Of Appreciation” to:- Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth through Melissa Phoo Par representative of the British High Commission Islamabad Pakistan on completion of 60 years of glorious reign.



WINDSOR CASTLE

16th April, 2014

Dear Mr Gulzar,

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letter with which you enclosed photographs of the splendid *Shield of Appreciation* you presented via the British High Commission in Islamabad to commemorate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

I am sorry you have not received a reply before now to thank you for your thoughtful gift; however, I am sure you would like to know that The Queen was very touched by your generous gesture.

Her Majesty has been deeply moved by the loyalty and affection shown to her throughout her long reign and The Queen greatly appreciated the sentiments you expressed.

I am to thank you, once again, for writing as you did.

*Yours sincerely
Jane Jordan*

Lady-in-Waiting

Mr E Gulzar



Promotional Activities and Projects of Minority Coverage Foundation by the President Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar and the team members.



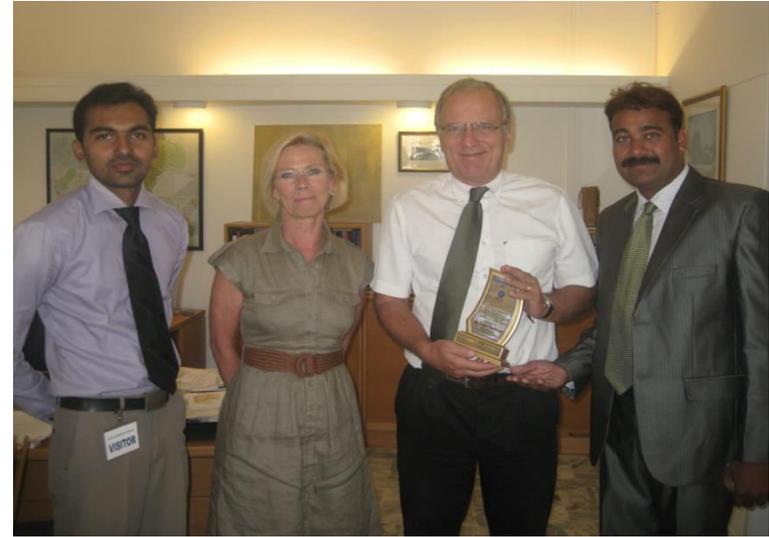
Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar and members of the Minority Coverage Foundation team meet Mr. Timo Pakkala, Resident Coordinator, United Nation's (U.N.O) Islamabad Pakistan.



President Minority Coverage Foundation Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar with Mr. Greg Giokas Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan on the eve of National Day of Canada.



Ms Cecilie Landsverk, Ambassador of Norway to Pakistan meets Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar in her office at Islamabad.



Mr. Lachlan McLeod Second Secretary (Political) Australian High Commission meets Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar to discuss issues and challenges faced by the Religious Minorities of Pakistan.



Mr. Jasper Thorton, Deputy Political Councilor at the British High Commission Islamabad visits office of the Minority Coverage Foundation and Participates in Interfaith Harmony event organized by the Minority Coverage Foundation.



Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar Represents Minority Coverage Foundation in Melbourne Australia. Interfaith and Peace event organized by the Council for the Parliament of world Religions U.S.A.





Capacity Building Training workshops.



Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar visits the Canadian High Commission Islamabad and Mr. Andrew Ng Head Advocacy Dialogue Unit Canadian High Commission.



**PEACE AND INTERFAITH HARMONY FOUNDATION
“ PEACE AWARD CEREMONY 2014”**

Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar receives “**EXCELLENT AWARD FOR PEACE**” From **Mr. Ahsan Iqbal**, Federal Minister For Planning And Development in recognition of his fruitful services for the promotion of Interfaith Harmony and Peace. **Hafiz Liaquat Ali Zia**, Chairman , Peace And Interfaith Harmony Foundation is also present on the occasion.

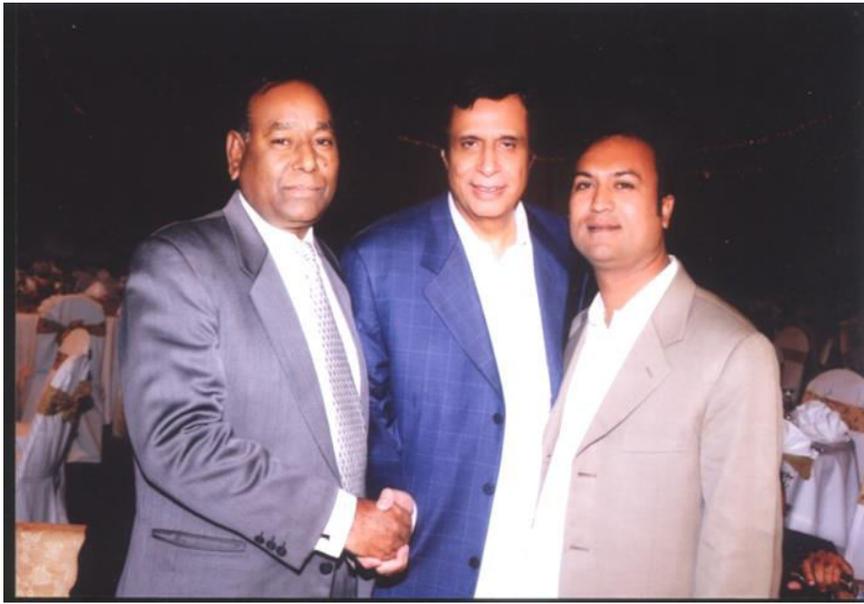


Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar, President Minority Coverage Foundation with Mr. Ashraf Khan Sohna, Provincial Minister For Labour, Government of the Punjab after receiving “ Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Medal” for his excellent services and struggle for the minorities.



Rana Muhammad Iqbal Speaker Punjab Assembly with President Minority Coverage Foundation, Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar and other Muslim Scholars.





Vocational Training Project of Minority Coverage Foundation for women.



Educational projects of Minority Coverage Foundation for needy and under-privileged Children of urban slums and rural areas.





Health Care Project of Minority Coverage Foundation in Rural Areas and Urban Slums





Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar, President. Minority Coverage Foundation has a heart for Orphans and Marginalized Children. He always reaches out himself to feed and spend time for loving care.





Minority Coverage Foundation distribut's ration and other needs amongst the flood affected people





Distribution of ration amongst the widows and needy families by the Minority Coverage Foundation.



MCF Collecting Food Stuff for Distribution Amongst Flood Affected People



**No Peace amongst the Nations without Peace amongst the Religions
Activities of Interfaith and Peace organized by the Minority Coverage
Foundation.**



SEMINAR ON PEACE INTERFAITH HARMONY

No Peace Amongst the Nations without Peace Amongst the Religions



MCF Members Join Religious Festival Of Hindus Holi



Allama Dr. Muhammad Tahir Ashrafi, Chairman Pakistan Ulama Council, with President Minority Coverage Foundation, Mr. Emmanuel Gulzar and Rev. Samuel B. Massey.



**Minority Coverage Foundation Interfaith Christmas Dinner attended
by *Justice Ali Nawaz Chowhan*
Chief Justice Of The Gambia. Formerly: Intl. Judge Of The UN at The
Hague. Co-Chairman UNESCO Appeal Board-Paris,
France. Justice Pakistan judiciary. Visiting Professor of Law. etc.
Advisor on ombudsman institutions Pakistan *and Other Dignitaries of
Muslim Community.***



