



The Ahmadis and the Politics of Religious Exclusion in Pakistan (Hardback)

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Anthem Press, United Kingdom, 2014. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Winner of the Karachi Literary Festival Peace Prize 2015, *The Ahmadis and the Politics of Religious Exclusion in Pakistan* traces the history of the political exclusion of the Ahmadiyya religious minority in Pakistan by drawing on revealing new sources. The Ahmadis believe Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadiyan (1835-1908) was a prophet (in a nuanced understanding of this term) and promised messiah. This led to the group's condemnation as infidels during the colonial period, setting in course a painful history of religious exclusion. Part I of this volume traces the development of the anti-Ahmadi movement from its origin in Punjab province, where an agitation movement was launched calling upon the central government to declare the Ahmadis officially non-Muslim. After the movement intensified, leading to proclamation of martial law in Lahore in 1953, the Punjab government held a court of inquiry, which released its report in 1954. The proceedings of the Munir-Kiyani inquiry commission has now become available to scholars, and is a key focus of analysis. Part II focuses on the developments in Pakistan's politics that created a discursive space where legislative measures against the...



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