


# Riaz Ahmed Gohar Shahi

<b>Riaz Ahmed Gohar Shahi</b> ریاض احمد گوہر شاہی	
	
Gohar Shahi during an event held in Pakistan	
<b>Born</b>	25 November 1941 Dhok Gohar Shah, Rawalpindi, British India
<b>Other names</b>	Sultan ul Salateen ul Fuqra Imam Mehdi, His Divine and/or Sublime Eminence, Ra Riaz Gohar Shahi, Ra Gohar Shahi
<b>Organization</b>	Messiah Foundation International

**Riaz Ahmed Gohar Shahi** (Urdu: ریاض احمد گوہر شاہی) born 25 November 1941) is a spiritual leader and founder of the spiritual movements *RAGS International* (now known as Messiah Foundation International) and *Anjuman Serfaroshan-e-Islam*.

He is the author of a number of Urdu books on topics relating to spirituality, the most successful among these being *Deen-e-Ilahi* "The Religion of God" (2000), which has recently been republished by Balboa Press, a division of Hay House and translated into English and other languages by Messiah Foundation International.

RAGS International was renamed to *Messiah Foundation International* in 2000. MFI claims that Shahi is the Mehdi, Messiah, and Kalki Avatar.

## Biography

### Early life

Shahi was born on 25 November 1941 in the village of Dhok Gohar Shah in the district of Rawalpindi of British India. He is a fifth generation descendant of the Sufi Baba Gohar Ali Shah.

At the age of twenty, when he was the owner of F.Q. Steel Industries, Shahi began to search for spirituality. Eventually he became disillusioned in this search and returned to work. Shahi then married and had three children.

In 1975, he went to Sehwan Sharif for self-mortification; he spent a period of three years in the mountains of Sehwan Sharif and the forest of Laal Bagh in self-purification, "for the sake of God's love".

## Career as spiritual leader

<b>Messiah Foundation International</b>	
Official Logo	
<b>Formation</b>	1980
<b>Type</b>	Non-profit organisation
<b>Headquarters</b>	London, United Kingdom
<b>Official languages</b>	Urdu & English
<b>CEO</b>	Younus AlGohar
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.goharshahi.us/">http://www.goharshahi.us/</a>

Shahi became popular as a Sufi preacher in Pakistan during the late 1970s. He formed *RAGS International* and *Anjuman Serfaroshan-e-Islam* in 1980. Of the two organisations, RAGS International is still active as Messiah Foundation International whereas Anjuman Serfaroshan-e-Islam was reported to have been dissolved and banned in Pakistan in 2011.

The CEO of Messiah Foundation International is Younus AlGohar. Shahi claimed to have met with Jesus Christ in 1997.



Shahi at an event at Imam Bargah-e-Noor-e-Iman Mosque, in Karachi, Pakistan. He is seen here speaking to two religious clerics from different sects within Islam: Shia Islam and Sunni Islam.

### Legal persecution and exile

He and many of his followers have been convicted under Islamic blasphemy laws by an antiterrorist court in Sindh. After he fled to England, Shahi was convicted *in absentia*, receiving sentences that totaled approximately 59 years.

### Disappearance

Shahi was reported to have disappeared in 2001, in London; afterwards, sightings of him were reported around the world of people claiming to have met and received spiritual guidance from him.

In February 2002, prior to any decision on appeals filed with the High Court of Sindh, Ardeshir Cowasjee claimed in an article he wrote for Dawn, the Pakistani newspaper, that unnamed people who identified themselves to him as office-bearers of the All-Faith Spiritual Movement told him that Gohar Shahi died abroad, but this report was unconfirmed.

Some sources report that he died in 2001, and others say he died 2003. According to the *Pakistani Press Foundation* Shahi died in 2001. An article from 2006 in the *Sunday Telegraph* reports that Shahi died in 2003, and a 2009 article in *Your Local Guardian* also says he was reported to have died in 2003. However, none of these reports are confirmed, as there is no physical proof of his body.

On the other hand, the Indian news agency PTI reported in 2008 that Shahi was based in the United Kingdom after being convicted of blasphemy by the High Court of Sindh. This view is supported by the *Indian Express* which reported in 2008 that Shahi had fled to the United Kingdom and was presently based there. *Zee News* also supported this claim. The Hindustan Times has reported that he is "serving a life term". The *Sunday Leader* in Sri Lanka stated that Shahi disappeared in 2001 and sightings of him were thereafter reported around the world.

Of the two factions of Shahi's followers, the *Anjuman Serfaroshan-e-Islam* had asserted that Shahi died, and built a tomb for him at the Markazi Aastana in Kotri, where devotees performed pilgrimage. The MFI, in contrast, declares

that he merely disappeared.

Shahi's family, including his wife, five sons and a daughter, still resides in Kotri.

## Teachings and followers

The teachings of Gohar Shahi have been a source of controversy. Some orthodox theological scholars condemn his teachings as blasphemy, while others, such as Hisham Kabbani, have sat at his feet as well as praised him.

Classical singers such as Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and Ghulam Farid Sabri have been presented the message of Shahi, which they have praised. Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan was quoted as saying "The message of Hazrat Riaz Gohar Shahi is the greatest message I have ever heard". In *Qawwali* events in Japan and Germany, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan personally distributed leaflets in favour of Shahi. Aziz Mian has also presented a *Qawwali* in praise of Shahi at a *Jashan-e-Shahi* event (which celebrates the day Shahi supposedly took the rank of Mehdi by Allah) event. In honor of Shahi's birthday celebrations of 1998, Rahat Fateh Ali Khan performed *Qawwalis*.



Pakistani adherents of Shahi burning their passports during a protest in India (April 2007).

## Claims and criticism

Claims made by Shahi and his followers have been strongly opposed by orthodox Islamic theologians in Pakistan and abroad. Shahi has been accused of claiming the status of prophet but denied such accusations. His teachings have been condemned by Muslim religious leaders and the Pakistani government.

Shahi also predicts that the world would end in the year 2026 due to a comet heading towards earth. He claims the comet will be the cause of "total destruction" though mentions that "in order to intimidate [mankind]...God plans destruction on a small scale".

Many attempts were made on the lives of Shahi and Younus AlGohar including a petrol bomb thrown into AlGohar's residence in Manchester, where Shahi stayed when he toured the United Kingdom. A man attempted to attack him with a hand grenade during a discourse at his home in Kotri, Pakistan. A bounty was put on his head in Pakistan.

Shahi's books have been banned by the government of Pakistan, and his followers are not allowed to meet in public.

Gohar Shahi claimed to have met with Jesus in America. Shahi's supporters claim that his face became prominent on the moon, sun, nebula star and the Black Stone in Mecca, and that these appearances are signs from God that Gohar Shahi is the awaited Imam Mehdi, Messiah, and Kalki Avatar.

The alleged images induced greater legal and religious opposition. Shahi has also supported this claim, saying that God had revealed the images of Shahi on the Moon and various locations, for which Shahi himself was not responsible, and if questions should be raised, they should be raised to God. Messiah Foundation International asserts the alleged images to be signs from God, pointing to Shahi being the awaited Mehdi; they quote religious texts as well as sayings from the likes of Nostradamus, and Ja'far al-Sadiq to support it.

Journalists in Pakistan asked Shahi,

"Many believe that you are the Mehdi, and God has revealed signs unto them which say that you are the Mehdi, but you do not officially announce that you are the Mehdi. Why?" Shahi gestured towards himself and answered, "Does Imam Mehdi not know the law of Pakistan? He knows that the law of Pakistan declares that 'whosoever claims to be the Mehdi, put him in jail'. I have given the signs of his [Mehdi's] characteristics, which the Mehdi knows and none other. Now, it is up to people to recognise him and believe him".

On 18 November 1997, after appearing in court before Justice Rasheed A. Razvi of Sindh High Court Hyderabad Circuit, Shahi said, "The only justification to be Hazrat Imam Mehdi is the mark on [one's] back which can prove his existence".

Of the groups following Shahi, Messiah Foundation International claims that Shahi is the awaited Mehdi, Messiah, and Kalki Avatar while *Anjuman Serfaroshan-e-Islam* did not. According to MFI's website, Shahi is the Awaited Messiah, but they deny the notion that Shahi is another form of Jesus and claim that Jesus has also returned to support the Mehdi.

## Bibliography

Gohar Shahi authored a number of books, including one based on Sufi poetry known as *Taryāq-e-Qalb* which translates to the "Cure of Hearts". One of his most prominent books is *Deen-e-Ilahi (The Religion of God)*, which is banned in Pakistan.

Works by Gohar Shahi include:

Title	Urdu	Translation	Date	Content
<i>Taryāq-e-Qalb</i>	ترياق قلب	The Cure of Hearts	1976	Sufi poetry
<i>Menāra-e-Noor</i>	مينار نور	The Minaret of Light	1980	mysticism, spiritualism
<i>Roshnās</i>	روشناس	The Induction	1982	mysticism, spiritualism
<i>Rouhani Safar</i>	روحانی سفر	Spiritual Journey	1986	autobiography
<i>Tohfa-tul Majālis</i>	تحفة المجالس	The Gift of Congregations	1988	mysticism, spiritualism
<i>Deen-e-Ilāhi</i>	دين اللى	The Religion of God <sup>[1]</sup>	2000	mysticism, spiritualism

On 17 May 2012, Messiah Foundation International republished *The Religion of God* with Balboa Press. As of June 1, 2012, it was #5 on the publisher's Best Seller's List.

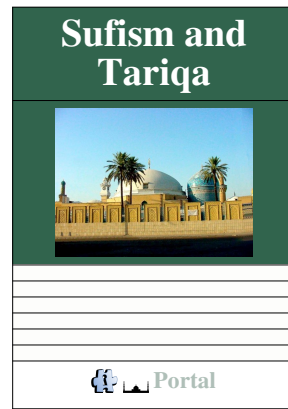
Messiah Foundation International considers Shahi to be the author of the "Goharian Philosophy of Divine Love", a set of principles upon which the organisation is founded. Shahi has also authored a monthly magazine, *Hatif-e-Mehdi*, which is banned in Pakistan for allegedly containing material offensive to the religious feelings of Muslims there.

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# Messiah Foundation International

Messiah Foundation International	
<b>Abbreviation</b>	MFI
<b>Formation</b>	1980, renamed in 2000
<b>Type</b>	Organisation
<b>Legal status</b>	Foundation
<b>Purpose/focus</b>	Promotion of spiritual sciences and teachings of Gohar Shahi
<b>Headquarters</b>	London
<b>Location</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Region served</b>	Worldwide
<b>Leader</b>	Riaz Ahmed Gohar Shahi (Founder)
<b>Key people</b>	<b>Younus AlGohar</b> (CEO)
<b>Affiliations</b>	Kalki Avatar Foundation, Mehdi Foundation International, Interfaith Institute of Divine Love
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.goharshahi.us">http://www.goharshahi.us</a>

**Messiah Foundation** (Urdu: مَلّٰدی فاؤنڈیشن) **International** (or **MFI**) is a spiritual organisation formally established in 2000 to promote the *Goharian Philosophy of Divine Love*. MFI is the successor of **RAGS International**, a spiritual organisation founded by Pakistani spiritual leader Riaz Ahmed Gohar Shahi in 1980.

The organisation claims to be a syncretic fulfilment of Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Hindu prophecy, with Shahi depicted as the messianic figure of many religions, given the title of Mehdi, Messiah, and Kalki Avatar as well as the generic "Awaited One" prophesied by other religions.

Adherents propose to promote the reduction of hatred, promotion of divine love and world peace, and raise awareness of miraculous images of spiritual figures they claim are on the face of such objects as the moon, sun, and the Black Stone in Mecca. According to MFI, these images were put on these locations by God. The MFI purports that Gohar Shahi's image on the moon has spoken to people in different languages and rendered spiritual grace to those searching for divine love. They declare that the titles of the Messiah, Kalki Avatar and Imam Mehdi are different titles for one personality, whom they depict as Shahi. Members of the MFI refer to themselves as *Goharians*, due to their affiliation with Shahi.

## History

*MFI* was previously known as "RAGS International" until the year 2000, when Younus AlGohar became the CEO and formally established the organisation. At this time, AlGohar also formed MFI's sister organisation, Kalki Avatar Foundation, under the apparent guidance of Shahi. After Shahi's disappearance in 2001, Shahi's followers in the MFI declared it to be akin to miraculous occultation and continued their activities under the leadership of AlGohar, who they claim is the personally appointed representative of Shahi.

The organisation's self-proclaimed objectives are to preach Shahi's teachings of divine love and global peace. They consider it their responsibility to propagate alleged images of Shahi, Jesus Christ, Durga, and others on the Moon, Sun, and the Holy Black Stone in Mecca, which they say are "divine signs". Though MFI has not released an official count of its members, Younus AlGohar has stated that the number is in the thousands.



Shahi's message presented to Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and Ghulam Farid Sabri by an MFI qawalist, Hafiz Nadeem Siddiqui.

## Shahi's alleged meeting with Jesus

Shahi claimed to have met with Jesus Christ on the 29th of May 1997 in Taos, New Mexico. When asked about what was discussed between himself and Jesus, Shahi stated that it was secretive and would be revealed at "an appropriate time". After this incident, an image of Jesus Christ which, as the photograph's owner claimed, had appeared miraculously from pictures taken of sacred places, was shown to Shahi in Tucson, Arizona. It was then announced by Shahi to be the "original image of Jesus Christ." The MFI has taken this to mean Shahi has the support of Jesus Christ and propagates Jesus Christ as a "universal figure of divinity" who is for humanity rather than being confined to

Christianity.

## Teachings and Beliefs

They profess to be peace-promoting. They condemn hate-preaching, especially in the context of religion. Their teachings, based on *the Goharian Philosophy of Mystical Sciences and Divine Love*, are purported to be acceptable to all regardless of religious affiliation or nationality.

## Method

According to their methodology, God's love is implanted in the heart when one's heart is initiated with God's name. In this approach, the name of God is supposed to become synchronised within the heartbeats to produce "divine energy" which would then clean the heart and implant love of God so as to connect the aspirant with God. It is referred to Zikr-e-Qalb in Islamic terminology and "Simran" in Hindu terminology. The MFI claims to not be influenced by any one religion or faith and do not discriminate against anyone based on "nation, religion, cast, creed", etc. The organisation purports that religions have both an inner dimension and outer. The teachings state that the outer part of the religion is the rituals and bodily worship while the inner religion is purification of the heart and souls to gain connection with God. In their beliefs, the inner religion is the core while the outer religion is like a "potato skin" Part of their claims is that the spiritual system within the religions today has diminished. They propose to "convert the hearts towards divine love" rather than to a particular religion. AlGohar asserts that because the MFI does not lay emphasis on rituals and worship, people from different religions can follow their teachings while practicing their own faith.

## Eschatology

The MFI maintains that the world is passing through its twilight phase. Members propagates that the world is to end in 2026, when a comet would collide with earth in accordance with Shahi's predictions in *The Religion of God* They also declare that the only hope for humanity is Shahi and that his image they propagate to be on the Moon will provide salvation for humanity "when calamity strikes".

## Claimed miracles

- The MFI believes in spiritual healing, offering that service to the wider community. It claims to heal all diseases and ailments including the sort of HIV and AIDS; and also claims that it has done so in the past. They also publicise that the alleged image of Shahi on the Moon performs healing.
- The MFI claims divine intervention caused a sandstorm during an attack on an MFI procession in Faisalabad, Pakistan. Members were allegedly attacked with bricks and bullets by local Muslims angered by the claims that

Shahi represented the Mehdi. Reports provided show that such had happened, but none of the members were injured, to which the members credited the "miracle".

## ***The Religion of God by Shahi***

Before his disappearance, Shahi penned a book, *Deen-e-Ilahi* (literally "the Religion of God"). *Deen-e-Ilahi* explains secrets of spirituality as per the understanding of Shahi. On the front cover, Shahi states, "This book requires unruffled concentration and attention, pondering and research from all religious sects and every man. It poses a challenge for those who reject the existence of Spirituality." Originally *Deen-e-Ilahi* was written in Urdu, the native tongue of Shahi, however the book is available in English, Dutch, Arabic, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Persian, Portuguese, Sindhi, Spanish, Thai, and Tamil as well.

MFI distributes the book for free and through Balboa Press, with whom they republished the book in English on May 17, 2012. As of June 29, 2012, it was #5 on the publisher's Best Seller's List. *Deen-e-Ilahi* is now banned in Pakistan, due to it allegedly carrying offensive material to Muslims.

## **Controversy**

MFI has been opposed by religious groups, particularly in Pakistan. Many cases, later proved false, have been instigated against Shahi. In regards to this subject, the following is written in *The Religion of God*,

The Wahhabi denomination has very religiously taken it to persecute, discourage, entrap and eradicate His Divine Eminence Gohar Shahi. Hence, they instigated various false cases against His Divine Eminence Gohar Shahi. They have been threatened by the universality of His Divine Eminence's message of Divine Love, and His ever-increasing fame on the global sphere.

The government of Pakistan also banned *The Religion of God* and his magazine *Hatif-e-Mehdi* for allegedly "...[containing] matter which is objectionable and maliciously intended to outrage the religious feelings of the Muslims and these should be seized".

AlGohar has also been persecuted by the government of Pakistan, having been issued a death sentence for allegedly blaspheming, though details of his blasphemy have not been disclosed.

Messiah Foundation International claims that the Pakistani government has persecuted and jailed some 50 MFI members under false charges of blasphemy against Islam. First Information Reports have been registered against officials of MFI in Pakistan.

In a related incident, an armed group hijacked a bus in Faisalabad, claimed that their leader was the Imam Mehdi, and went on to have a shootout with the police. This had been falsely attributed to Messiah Foundation International. The leader, Shahbaz Khan, claimed in an interview with a Pakistani newspaper to be supported by the alleged billionaire and hypnotist Younus AlGohar. These claims were not verified.

A press release by MFI stated that "The false claimant Shahbaz has no association with MFI. Shahbaz is a severely misguided and blasphemous to His Holiness Gohar Shahi. Shahbaz, the impostor has demanded the government to deal with Goharians harshly which suggests that he does not belong to MFI". It is also stated in the same press release that MFI believes Shahi to be the only awaited Imam Mehdi and does not support Shahbaz Khan. In an open letter to the former President of Pakistan, Pervez Musharraf, Younus AlGohar demanded justice be served to the 50 or so MFI members who had been persecuted because Khan claimed to be associated with MFI. In addition, the Sunday Telegraph stated that "There is no suggestion that [Messiah Foundation International] either organised [Shahbaz] Ahmed's actions in Pakistan or knew what he and his disciples were planning".

Due to the nature of topics covered in speeches by AlGohar released onto the internet, some Muslims in Pakistan have staged protests against MFI and declared them infidels. Furthermore, newspapers in Pakistan reported that the protesters demanded that MFI members be punished.

## Persecution

*Extract written by Eric Lubbock, 4th Baron Avebury, in his report on the MFI.*

On 11 August 2008 a blasphemy case 295A, PPC was registered against eight **MFI** members by the Khatam-e-Nabuwwat (FIR No. 281/2008, Date of Occurrence 8 August 2008), at Police Station Kotri, District Jamshoro, Sindh Province, Pakistan. (*See copy of English translation of FIR, attached*) On 5 August 2008 two **MFI** members (Mustaqeem and Umer) were severely beaten by extremists, but an FIR was registered against **MFI** members (FIR No. C/31/08, Date of Report 6 August 2008, Police Station Sharif Abad, District Karachi, Sindh Province, Pakistan) (*See copy of English translation of FIR, attached*)

On 18 October 2008 at 03.30 Mr Mohammad Iqbal (whose family was active in MFI) was murdered (FIR No. 995/2008, Offence u/s 302, 148, 149 PPC, Date of Report 16 October 2008 at 0500 AM, Police Station Factory Area, District Shaikhupura, Punjab Province, Pakistan)(*See copy of English translation of FIR, attached*). Hatred has been incited against the **MFI** members in Pakistan, who are accused of blasphemy, and these incidents are examples of the result. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi, wrote on 4 September 2008, to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government, setting out the case well. It was reported on 4 August 2009 in the daily Safer, that Mr Paras Masih, organiser for the Christian community of the **MFI**, had been murdered in Karachi.

In another case, members of **MFI** in Pakistan were arrested and charged for claiming Shahi as being the Imam Mehdi. According to Dawn.com,

2005 – December 23: Five members of the Mehdi Foundation International were arrested in Wapda Town, Lahore, for putting up posters of their leader Riaz Gohar Shahi showing him as 'Imam Mehdi'. The Anti-Terrorism Court sentenced each to five years of imprisonment under 295-A of PPC. Their prisoners' records posted outside the cell falsely indicate that they had been sentenced under 295-C – the Blasphemy Law.

The prisoners "were forced to parade naked, hung up in the air and beaten", and were sexually abused in jail by staff members.

### **MFI Members in Tihar Jail**

On April 23, 2007, 63 Pakistani **MFI** members, having obtained tourist visas to India, protested in front of the Pakistani Embassy in Yantra Mantra, New Dehli, India, against the government of Pakistan. They asked India for asylum, refusing to return to their homeland. During their protests, they burnt their passports and travel documents that tied them to Pakistan, Pakistani flags, and effigies of Pervez Musharraf and Maulana Fazlur Rehman. They were subsequently arrested for having no travel documentation and therefore being in India illegally. It is reported that they feared for their lives in Pakistan, where if they went back they would be charged with the Blasphemy Law, the penalty for which is death. According to *Zee News*, *IBN Live*, *Outlook India* and other newspapers, the Pakistani government had banned their practice of faith in Pakistan.

Among the 63 members were 19 women, 5 of whom are pregnant in "advanced stages" and 7 children. The *DNA* reports, "The Pakistani judges said they were shocked to see 16 Pakistani prisoners had lost their mental balance in Amritsar jail." Later, the United Nations Human Rights Council in New Delhi recommended to the government of India that the Pakistan nationals should not be deported back "till a proper decision on their request for asylum is taken by the government."

On the 22nd of May 2007, in front of Indian Embassy in London, the **MFI** staged a demonstration to bring attention to the situation of their members in jail and the dangers they faced if the Indian government decided to deport them to Pakistan.

In the 2007 annual report on Pakistan, Human Rights Without Frontiers appealed to the National Human Rights Commission in India about the **MFI** case: "Is the Commission aware of the case of the planned deportation by India

of 62 Pakistani citizens...? [India] is a secular democracy observing high standards of human rights including the right of peaceful practice of religion, and Pakistani Muslims consider that the religious beliefs of the Mehdi Foundation International are blasphemous, making its followers vulnerable to criminal charges for which the penalty is death under the controversial Pakistani Blasphemy Act."

The NHRC stated in reply that "The Commission...will examine...the most appropriate follow-up". However, the *Telegraph* in Calcutta, as well as other Indian newspapers, reported on November 26, 2009 that the plea to involve the National Human Rights Commission had been rejected by the government of India and that the Pakistani nationals were being put in the process of deportation despite the fact that, upon deportation, they would be charged under the blasphemy laws in Pakistan. In December 2010, however, the *Hindustan Times* reported that the Delhi high court had issued a protection order for the inmates, preventing their deportation for 70 days as of December 2. *Mail Today* reported in March 2011 that the UNHCR was asked by the Indian High Commission to conduct interviews of the jail members and grant them asylum in countries other than India within 6 weeks of December 2, 2010. This was extended another 3 weeks, but the possibility of them being deported to Pakistan had not been ruled out. In April 2011, though the Centre wished to deport the Pakistani nationals, the Delhi High Court ordered the Centre to wait until it made a decision on a plea to hand them over to the United Nations High Commission of Refugees. On April 21, 2011, the *Times of India* and other Indian newspapers reported that the Indian government had granted the MFI members in jail refugee status and had requested the UNHCR to search for a third country for their relocation.

In December 2011, various newspapers disclosed that the 65 MFI members from Tihar Jail had been granted refugee status and were being sent to Canada and the United States. They are now settled in said countries.

## Protests

MFI has held many protests and rallies over the years to bring attention to the way their members are treated in the country of Pakistan and about their cause. They staged demonstrations on August 16, 2005 in front of the Pakistan high commission in London and on August 25, 2005 on 10 Downing Street, London, UK. On July 25, 2005, MFI members in Pakistan staged a rally in front of the Parliament of Pakistan in Islamabad to express their support for Pervez Musharraf in his anti-terrorism endeavours.

## Expansion

Messiah/Mehdi Foundation International has centres in Canada, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Australia, India, Greece, Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, Nepal, Japan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. In association with their sister organisation, Kalki Avatar Foundation, the organisation has centres located in Sri Lanka and India. Representatives of MFI often visit spiritualist expositions and programs. They also hold events.



Protestors occupying the street outside the Indian Embassy, London

## Media

MFI also puts out monthly newspapers. Their newspaper, 'Hatif-e-Mehdi' ('The Voice of Mehdi') is distributed in Urdu, English and Arabic and is authored by Shahi.<sup>[1]</sup> Their literature is circulated worldwide. The organisation has recently received media attention for the cases against their members in India and Pakistan. They launched free apps for Apple's iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad in September 2010. In June 2011, they launched the "Imam Mehdi" Application for the Android system. The MFI also has official Youtube<sup>[2]</sup> channels. MFI has an official blog and an official Twitter account. They are also on Facebook

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