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NINE AHMADI MUSLIMS WERE MARTYRED IN A HORRIFIC ATTACK IN BURKINA FASO

THE ATTACKERS HAVE THREATENED TO KILL ALL AHMADIS IF THEY DO NOT
RENOUCE AHMADIYYAT AND IF THEY RETURN TO THE MOSQUE AGAIN

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY HAD PROVIDED ALL BASIC NECESSITIES IN
THIS VILLAGE TO ALL

JANUARY 11, 2023: WE ARE AGGRIEVED TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF A TERRORIST
ATTACK ON A LOCAL AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY IN MAHDIABAD - A REMOTE VILLAGE
IN BURKINA FASO

The village is situated at a distance of 45km from Dori city towards the border of
Niger.

According to the reports, Ahmadis were preparing for the Isha prayers on January
11, 2023, when terrorists took control of the mosque and started delivering a
speech about their movement. They asked the community about their beliefs and
showed discontent. They declared Ahmadis to be infidels. They took the Imam of
the mosque Mr Bidiga BOUREIMA to a nearby community center and threatened
him to renounce Ahmadiyyat. The terrorists also inquired about other Ahmadi
concentrations in Burkina Faso. This is particularly concerning as this poses a
similar threat to other Ahmadis.

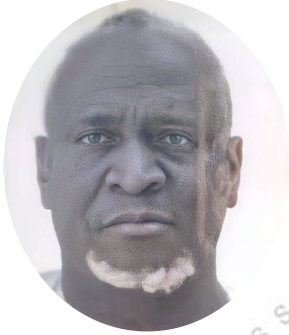
The Imam was brought back to the mosque and all the elders were threatened
that unless they renounced Ahmadiyyat, they would be killed. They all preferred
martyrdom to leaving Ahmadiyyat. The Imam was the first one to die. The
terrorists then mercilessly killed eight more elders one by one and each of them
was given a chance to renounce Ahmadiyyat. *To Allah do we belong and to Him
shall we return.*



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The terrorists further threatened to kill every Ahmadi in the village if they did not leave Ahmadiyyat or gathered at the mosque again. This led to more than 600 Ahmadis to migrate. The following persons embraced martyrdom.



Mr Bidiga BOURIEMA (Imam) 67



Mr Ag Maniel ALHASSANE (70)



Mr Ag Ibrahim SOULEY (66)



*Mr Ag Maliel OUSSENI (66)
Zaem Majlis Ansarullah**



*Mr Ag Abdouramane HAMIDOU AG
(66)*



*Mr Ag Soudeye OUSMANE
(58)*



Mr Ag Maguel AGALI (52)



Mr Ag Idrahi MOUSSA (52)



*Mr Ag Abdramane AGOUMA
(43)*

** Local head of the Ahmadiyya auxiliary organization for male members above the age of 40*



There is another mosque in the village, which belongs to the Wahabi sect, however, the terrorists did not harm anyone belonging to that mosque.

We are deeply aggrieved by the incident. The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community said;

***“Our community, all around the world, is a family and we are heartbroken at the brutal murder of our brothers and grieve with their loved ones. We pray that God envelops the martyrs in His mercy.*”**

“We also pray for the security of Burkina Faso and that the Government fulfills its duty to protect all Burkinabe people, including Ahmadi Muslims, and that the perpetrators of this heinous and evil crime be brought to justice”

It is also noteworthy that, under its project to create model villages in Africa, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community provided this village with basic necessities such as water, solar energy, a community center, and a mosque.

Such facilities are provided by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community regardless of one's religious beliefs, race, or color. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is at the forefront of providing basic necessities, health care, and education to the deprived regions.

The National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Burkina Faso said;

“Around the World, religious extremists are tarnishing the pure and beautiful teachings of Islam in order to further their censured agenda. The innocent & peace-loving Ahmadis of Burkina Faso have been subjected to such a horrific agenda that must be denounced with the greatest severity. We condemn all such dreadful acts of the extremist religious fanatics.”

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