



# AHMADIYYA MUSLIM FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFICE

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INCIDENT REPORT – HUMAN RIGHTS

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## REMOVAL OF THE MINARETS AND KALIMA FROM THE AHMADIYYA PLACE OF WORSHIP

### A WALL HAS BEEN RAISED TO HIDE THE MIHRAB

### SACRED WRITINGS FROM FOUR AHMADI HOMES REMOVED

**JUNE 17, 2021:** WE REGRET TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF THE DESECRATION OF AHMADIYYA PLACE OF WORSHIP IN CHAK 261 R.B, ADHWALI, DISTT. FAISALABAD. THE POLICE ACCOMPANIED BY THE WORKERS OF CORPORATION ADMINISTRATION ARRIVED AT THE VILLAGE WELL AFTER THE SUNSET ON JUNE 17, 2021 AND REMOVED THE ISLAMIC CREED, NAMES OF ALLAH, QURANIC VERSES FROM THE WORSHIP PLACE AND DEMOLISHED ITS MINARETS.

MOREOVER, SACRED INSCRIPTIONS FROM FOUR AHMADI HOMES HAVE ALSO BEEN REMOVED. AS FOR THE MIHRAB OF THE WORSHIP PLACE, UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS INCIDENT OF APRIL 11, THEY ERECTED A WALL TO CONCEAL IT.

THERE HAS BEEN A SURGE IN SUCH INCIDENTS IN THE RECENT PAST. THESE ATTEMPTS HAVE DISHONORED THE ORDERS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN (2014) IN REGARDS TO THE PROTECTION OF PLACES OF WORSHIP.

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According to the details, there has been an increase in the opposition in the above-mentioned village from one and a half year. The opponents were allowed to conduct anti-Ahmadiyya gatherings and to invite staunch opponent clerics from outside the village. They demanded to bring down the mihrab and minarets of the Ahmadiyya place of worship and Islamic inscriptions from Ahmadi homes.

Contacts were being made at different levels to solve the matter. Similarly, a letter from the District Head of the Ahmadiyya community was also written to the IG Punjab to solve this matter.



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A meeting of the Peace Committee with regards to this matter was held on June 9, and as feared the members of the Peace Committee, the AC and the SP issued a unanimous decision that the Kalima and the minarets would be removed. An appeal was made against the decision well in time as provisioned in the decision.



Unfortunately, without any hearing on our appeal the SHO Dajkot Police Station along with several policemen, and also accompanied by around 30 workers from the Corporation Administration came to the area well after the sunset and carried out the



demolition work in about three hours. The Police were extremely vigilant throughout the process and apart from the workers, no one was allowed to approach the area. Similarly, no one was allowed to take any picture or make a video, the police officials were keeping a close eye on the area while standing on rooftops of nearby houses.

They also took away some debris from the area and tried to patch up the areas from where the inscriptions were removed. They have also raised a wall in front of the mihrab to screen it.

This is another example of the state-backed persecution of the Ahmadiyya community and a gross violation of human rights. Such attacks on worship places are directly against the landmark 2014 judgment of Supreme Court chief justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani about the protection of places of worship.

WE ENCLOSE PICTURES OF THE PLACE OF WORSHIP BEFORE AND AFTER THIS APPALLING INCIDENT



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Before the incident



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After the incident



After the incident



Debris of Minarets



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Mihrab



Wall raised



Sacred inscriptions removed from Ahmadi homes

