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SECOND AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DESECRATED IN TEN DAYS

EXTREMISTS TARGET AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN KARACHI

The attackers left behind hateful writings 'Qadianis are infidels bound for hell' on the boundary walls of the mosque

Protecting Ahmadiyya Mosques on Ashura: Ahmadiyya Spokesman Calls for Immediate Action

Karachi, July 24, 2023: The Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Karachi experienced yet another targeted attack. This is the second mosque desecrated in the last ten days and the 11th during the year 2023. A group of assailants took action against the Minarets of Bait ul Mubarak, located on Drig Road, resulting in the demolition of the Minarets.

According to the report, around 12-13 individuals gathered near the Ahmadiyya mosque, at approximately 3:45 pm. They placed a ladder against the wall and climbed to the top of the Ahmadiyya mosque. All of them were hiding their faces. The Ahmadis present at the mosque immediately informed the local Community President about the situation. Attempts were made to contact the police immediately, but unfortunately, they could not be reached at that moment. However, the police were informed of the situation later on. In the meantime, the assailants proceeded with their destructive act, demolishing the Minarets and leaving behind hateful writings of "Qadianis are infidels bound for hell" on the boundary walls of the mosque. The attackers fled the scene before the arrival of the police.



The Ahmadiyya Muslim community strongly condemns this act of violence, which is a clear violation of religious freedom and tolerance.

In response to this disturbing incident, the Spokesman of the Ahmadiyya Community said in a statement;

"Extremist elements have crossed all limits of hatred. Hate against the Ahmadiyya community is escalating. In the past months, attacks on Ahmadi places of worship in Karachi have left the community vulnerable, and yet, law-breaking elements have not been held accountable, bolstering their audacity."



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He further expressed concern that Ahmadi citizens living in their own country are facing insecurity. The reprehensible actions of these extremists are tarnishing the nation's reputation on the global stage.

"It is high time to root out these elements so that they cannot further poison the atmosphere of our beloved country with religious hatred," the spokesman urged.

He also tweeted¹ a video of the incident and mentioned that it was a clear violation of Justice Jillani's² 2014 ruling.

The spokesman highlighted the upcoming campaign targeting Ahmadiyya mosques on the 10th of Muharram, with numerous announcements and posters in Jhelum district (see attached pictures along with translation). Urging authorities to act, he emphasized the need to prevent attacks on Ahmadi places of worship during the sacred day of Ashura at multiple locations. *"The sinister intentions of extremist groups have been evident through social media announcements. The government holds the responsibility to ensure robust security arrangements for all Ahmadi places of worship nationwide to thwart any condemnable actions by hate-mongering elements."* He added.

It is distressing to witness repeated attacks on Ahmadiyya mosques, and the lack of security provided to the Ahmadi community is deeply concerning. We call upon the authorities to take immediate action and bring the perpetrators of this hate crime to justice and to fulfill its duty in safeguarding the rights and security of all citizens, regardless of their religious beliefs.

Some pictures of the incident



¹ <https://twitter.com/lamAmirMahmood/status/1683552231961034753?s=20>

² <https://www.refworld.org/pdfid/559e57644.pdf>

Posters for planned march to demolish Ahmadiyya Mosques

Preserving the dignity of Islamic symbols is the true essence of Karbala

A historic march for the protection of the Prophethood

Muharram 10, at 10 a.m.*

To personally bring down the minarets of the Qadiani center in Jhelum

Prior to this, in line with our demands, gravestones from Qadiani graves have already been removed from graveyards and minarets from their places of worship

On September 7, 1974, the National Assembly declared Qadianis as non-Muslims.

According to the Constitution of Pakistan, Sections 298B and 298C, Ahmadiyas are prohibited from using all Islamic symbols (minarets and prayer niches) and they cannot call themselves Muslims.

For the protection of Prophethood, 1200 companions were martyred in the Battle of Yamama and 36,000 wrongdoers were killed.

From Shandar Chowk to the Qadiani center

Guardian of the honor of Prophethood
Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Asim Ashfaq Rizvi
Worker of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan.



March for the Protection of the sanctity of the Prophethood

Muharram 10, at 10 a.m

Will not be delayed, not even a minute

Demands:

- Remove all minarets and prayer niches from all Ahmadi centers in Jhelum district.
- Strict and complete ban on the use of Islamic symbols and rituals by Ahmadiyas.

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* This year 10th of Muharram will be on Friday, July 28th