



INCIDENT REPORT

Pakistani Police Complicit In Inhumane Persecution Against Ahmadi Muslims

Government officials in Pakistan are actively involved in the destruction of Ahmadi Muslim Mosques and the severe persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in the country.

This injustice is reaching unprecedented levels threatening not only the religious liberty, but the very lives of millions of Pakistani Ahmadi citizens.

On the night of 12 June 2024, around ten uniformed police as well as several others in civilian clothing destroyed the minarets of the Ahmadiyya Mosque at Jahman, Lahore. Following the desecration, the Police confiscated items from the premises. The Mosque was built 54 years ago.

43 Ahmadi Muslim Mosques were desecrated in 2023 and this latest assault is another in a series of brazen and cruel disregard for human rights and religious freedom.

Law enforcement agencies are showing a grievous disregard for the orders issued by Justice Tariq Saleem Sheikh of LHC, in which he ruled that Ahmadi Worship Places built before 1984 are protected and inviolable.



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Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan continue to struggle to enjoy their most basic and fundamental human rights in relation to Freedom of Religion and Belief. The Government of Pakistan must look into this blatant violation of judgment of the Lahore High Court and must hold the culprits accountable.

Moreover, it is mandatory that security be provided to all Ahmadiyya Muslim Community places of worship to ensure violence and hate-incidents such as this do not escalate any further.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan's judgement (PLD 2014 SC 699), authored by the then Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani, guarantees the protection of all places of worship and instructs the police to protect places of worship. Destroying minarets is also a violation of Article 20 and the same Supreme Court verdict of 2014 (PLD 2014 SC 699).

The same Supreme Court judgement of 2014 (PLD 2014 SC 699) had asked the Government of Pakistan to form a special task force for the protection of worship places of minorities. On the contrary, an extremist agenda sponsored by the state is being pursued against the Ahmadiyya community with authorities encouraging this type of violent behaviour which defies this Supreme Court judgement of 2014 (PLD 2014 SC 699) and all norms of religious sanctimony.

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We once again urge the international community to pressure the Government of Pakistan to honor its responsibility to provide protection to all its citizens, ensure freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and bring perpetrators of such vicious attacks to justice. The Government of Pakistan must also bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 2, 18 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

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