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INCIDENT REPORT

VIOLENT MOB VANDALISES AHMADIYYA MOSQUE AND ASSAULTS INNOCENT AHMADI WORSHIPPERS IN KARACH, PAKISTAN

IHRC has reported several times that a wave of bigotry against Ahmadiyya Muslims has intensified since the start of 2023. In another worrying sign of growing crisis in Pakistan, two dozen Ahmadiyya Mosque has been desecrated.

On September 4, 2023, in yet another unprovoked attack, a violent mob attacked worshippers and physically assaulted them at Ahmadiyya Hall in Sadar, Karachi, Pakistan. <u>Video</u>¹ of the attack quickly spread online.

The crazed fanatics broke minarets and vandalised the Ahmadiyya place of worship, inciting the usual hate filled slogans against the community.

The Mosque has previously been a target, but the culprits were not apprehended, which is a license for extremists to continue their tyranny.













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It has become impossible for Ahmadis to practise their faith while ruthlessly hunted by fundamentalist gangs. The latest desecration act of the Mosques

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¹ Link to video tweet: https://twitter.com/CFATM2/status/1698672691404841316?s=20

desecration carried out by the locals while the Police station is very nearby, is an open proof of the fact there is no sign of improvement in the law-and-order situation for the Ahmadis in Pakistan.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan's judgement (PLD 2014 SC 699), authored by the then Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani, 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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