



## INCIDENT REPORT

### **PAKISTANI POLICE DESECRATE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MOSQUE BUILT IN 1915, IN WAZIRABAD, PAKISTAN**

Police in Pakistan have demolished the minarets of a 108-year-old Mosque of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Moti Bazaar Wazirabad.

The action took place in the middle of the night and represents a gross violation by the State authorities. It violates basic human rights of religious freedom and the Supreme Court's decision in 2014 to protect places of worship. There was no legal justification for this action.

This is yet another state sponsored extremist incident of violence against the Ahmadiyya Community. The Mosque was built in 1915 and its sole purpose was for worship.



Images: Before and after pictures of 108-year-old Ahmadiyya Mosque in Moti Bazaar Wazirabad, which was desecrated by Police in Pakistan

An extremist agenda sponsored by the state is being pursued against the Ahmadiyya community with authorities encouraging this type of violent behaviour which defies all norms of religious sanctimony.

Last month police destroyed minarets at the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Baghanpura, Gujranwala.

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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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## **ANNEXURE A:**

### **Media Links:**

- <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/2023/01/11/police-raze-minarets-of-another-ahmadi-place-of-worship-in-gujranwala/>
- <https://thecurrent.pk/punjab-police-demolishes-minaret-of-ahmadi-ibadatgah-in-wazirabad/>
- <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2395315/police-accused-of-desecration-of-ahmadi-worship-place-in-wazirabad>