



PRESS RELEASE

EXTREMIST CLERICS PLOT TO DEMOLISH AHMADI MINARETS IN JHELUM, PAKISTAN

Fanatic mullahs are planning to demolish minarets of Ahmadi Muslim Mosques in Jhelum, Pakistan, in a planned march this weekend.

This comes after police destroyed the minarets of an Ahmadi Mosque in Kala Gujran, Jhelum District on the order of the extremist clerics. The radical clerics forced the police to destroy minarets, threatening repercussions if they did not.

A sustained and premeditated plot has been hatched to 'ban the activities of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community' in the same district. The extremist Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuwat group is planning a march this weekend to remove all minarets of Ahmadi Mosques in Jhelum, some of which are more than 100 years old.

The demands of the group are:

1. All the Minarets and the Mehrabs (prayer niche at the front of a Mosque) should be removed from the Ahmadiyya Places of Worship in district Jhelum.
2. A Strict and complete ban should be imposed on the activities of the Qadianis and on the usage of Rituals of Islam by them.

This is a continuance of decades-long persecution of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan.

This year, 10 Mosques have already been attacked by both vigilante mobs and authorities, including arson and desecration of minarets. Since 1984, their Mosques have been demolished, set on fire, forcibly occupied and sealed by authorities.

This is the latest in a long line of violation of basic religious freedom enshrined in international human rights laws.

Human rights groups have repeatedly expressed their deep concern over the lack of attention to the serious human rights violations perpetrated against the Ahmadiyya community around the world and called on the international community to step up efforts in bringing an end to the ongoing persecution of Ahmadis.

On July 13, 2021, UN human rights experts expressed their deep concern over the lack of attention to the serious human rights violations perpetrated against the Ahmadiyya community around the world and called on the international community to step up efforts in bringing an end to the ongoing persecution of Ahmadis.

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:

English translation of the pamphlet, which is being spread on social media by the extremist Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuwat group, threatening the local administration with a march this weekend, with demands to remove all minarets of Ahmadi Mosques in Jhelum.



ENGLISH TRANSLATION:

Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuwat (P B U H) March will not be delayed for a Minute after 10 Am on 10th Muharram

Central Office

The Caravan will leave from Sarai Alamgir at around 9.30 Am

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From Shaandar Chowk to the Qadiani Centre the Minarets will be brought down

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