



INCIDENT REPORT

POLICE FORCE AHMADIS TO DESTROY MINARETS FROM THEIR OWN AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN ADDA, TEHSIL GOJRA, DISTRICT TOBA TEK SINGH IN PAKISTAN

Wave of bigotry against Ahmadis has intensified since the start of this year.

It is with grave concern that we inform you, that the Police in Adda, Tehsil Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh is forcing Ahmadis to demolish Minarets from their own Ahmadiyya Mosque by themselves.

This Ahmadiyya Mosque was built in 1964 and has been in regular use since then.



Image: Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque in Adda, Tehsil Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, where the Police is forcing Ahmadis to demolish Minarets from their own Mosque by themselves

As per the information received by IHRC, the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Gojra issued orders to Ahmadis in Adda, Tehsil Gojra to remove minarets from their Mosque themselves.

The Supreme of Pakistan judgement (PLD 2014 SC 699] authored by the then chief justice of Pakistan, Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani, guarantees 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). Here the Police is forcing Ahmadis to destroy these by themselves from their own Mosque.

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.

Last month police destroyed minarets at the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Baghbanpura, Gujranwala. A couple of weeks ago, a 108-year-old Ahmadiyya Mosque in Moti Bazaar Wazirabad was desecrated by the police. Last week, vandals desecrated two minarets of an Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque in Karachi, Pakistan.

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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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