



## INCIDENT REPORT

### **VANDALS ATTACK AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MOSQUE IN KARACHI, PAKISTAN**

Vandals have desecrated two minarets of an Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque in Karachi, Pakistan.

Three thugs entered the Mosque on Martin Road in Karachi, climbed up using a ladder, and desecrated two of its minarets. The upper portion of the minaret has been smashed to bits.

The attackers left behind the ladder and a sledgehammer. They fled as soon as the police arrived. This is the third desecration of an Ahmadi Muslim Mosque this month.

The attack happened on 18 January 2023.



Images: Pictures of the two minarets after vandals desecrated an Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque in Karachi, 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 Baghbanpura, Gujranwala and few days ago, a 108-year-old Ahmadiyya Mosque in Moti Bazaar Wazirabad was desecrated by the police.

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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://newsjani.com/karachi/places-of-worship-of-ahmadiyya-jamaat-demolished-two-minarets-of-the-places-of-worship-of-ahmadiyya-community-were-broken-in-karachi-news-jani/>
- <https://irshadgul.com/demolition-of-two-minarets-of-ahmadi-communitys-place-of-worship-in-karachi-ig-news/>
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