



Incident report



An Ahmadi place of worship in Ghaseet Pura, Faisalabad was attacked by a mob and set on fire.

On the 23/08/18, a large mob consisting of 300-400 people, a number of the attackers being armed, began to assault the place of worship at the time of the evening prayer. Gunned men began firing at the place of worship. Five people were injured by gun shots.

By way of background, on the 23 August 2018, local clerics in the town took advantage of a minor personal dispute to whip up enmity against Ahmadis and gather together a mob which went on to attack the place of worship. Ahmadis inside the building managed to get out and escape. The mob vandalized the main prayer hall before and set fire to it. An Ahmadi home situated next to the place of worship also suffered some damage.

The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan condemned this attack in the strongest possible terms. He said that attacks against Ahmadi places of worship were now becoming far too regular an occurrence. In May of this year an Ahmadi place of worship in Sialkot was attacked and yet nothing has been done to bring the perpetrators of the assault to justice. Rarely is action taken against those who commit crimes against Ahmadis and this has resulted in a climate of impunity. The spokesperson also said that after the attack in Ghaseet Pura the assailants took to social media to make hate accusations against local Ahmadis, which could lead to further attacks against the community. He called on authorities to take swift action against the perpetrators of the attack.

Action

We urge the British Government:

- To raise this matter with the Government of Pakistan and ensure that the perpetrators of this act are put to justice

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