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Canadian Muslim Community Condemns Desecration and Demolition of Historic Mosque in Sialkot, Pakistan

***Mob of 600 people unchallenged by the police, local officials attack and demolition of
over 100 years old Ahmadi Mosque and Residence.***

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada strongly condemns the destruction of a Mosque and a historical house in Sialkot, Pakistan, by local municipal officials and a mob of 600 religious extremists.

It is shocking that local Police and Municipal Authorities were present during the attack and destruction of property. Authorities did not take any action to uphold the rule of law and protect the rights of Ahmadi Muslims. Giving in to pressure from local extremists clerics, the officials from the Municipal Committee of Sialkot City unlawfully demolished a century-old historic house.

The property is of historical significance to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at. Once the house was demolished, the large mob attacked a Mosque adjacent to the demolished house. During the attack, the mob demolished the mosque's minarets, dome, doors and other parts of the structure. During the demolition of the Mosque, the municipal representatives and police supported the attack by not making any efforts to stop the unruly mob.

"This attack occurred during the holy month of Ramadan, during which Muslims fast and are taught to increase their worship, humility and service to humanity. Said Lal Khan Malik, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada. "It is incomprehensible that the religious extremists and their supporters adopted violence and desecrate a House of God with active support of police and local authorities during the holy month of Ramadan".

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About the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at is a dynamic, fast-growing international Muslim community. Founded in 1889, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community spans over 200 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. The Community believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace.

