



## Press Release

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### **Under Construction Mosque in Newfoundland and Labrador Vandalized With Severe Damages**

***National Canadian Muslim Community shocked to learn of damages to its  
upcoming mosque in St. John's***

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada was saddened to learn that the Baitul Ehsaan Mosque – currently under construction in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador – was vandalized with damages exceeding tens of thousands of dollars. While the motivation of this incident is unknown, police have identified the alleged perpetrators and have informed that the alleged culprits are minors.

In line with the teachings of Islam and the practice of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada has forgiven the perpetrators of this act of vandalism and hope to use the incident to help build bridges of understanding and tolerance.

"We're deeply moved by the kind sentiments and support of various members of the local community as they learned of this abhorrent act," said National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, Mr. Lal Khan Malik. "Our mosques will always remain open to all members of the community as a symbol of peace and togetherness."

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada has built mosques across the country to build bridges with Canadians. These mosques serve as a source of community gathering, peace, acceptance and multiculturalism.

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