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AHMADIYYA

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AHMADI KILLED IN SUICIDE BOMB ATTACK IN MARDAN

Ahmadiyya mosque in Mardan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa was attacked by two terrorists at about 1:05 p.m. on September 3, 2010. One Ahmadi, Sheikh Amir Raza was martyred during this attack, whilst further loss was prevented by the bravery of Ahmadis charged with securing the premises. The police, despite the threat to the mosque, had provided no official security guards to the mosque even during Friday prayers.

As the terrorists threw a grenade, Ahmadi volunteer guards fired at them and injured one of them. At this one of them beat the retreat while the other persisted in his attack. He failed to enter the mosque, so blew himself up in a huge explosion at the parameter. Consequently the mosque gate and the outer wall were destroyed. This resulted in serious injuries to Mr Raza who died on the way to hospital. Three other Ahmadis Fahim Khan, Taufeeq Ahmad and Imran Javed were injured in the heinous attack.

Sheikh Amir Raza is survived by his wife, a nine years old son and an infant daughter.

The Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Jamaat stated in his Friday sermon, *inter alia:*

"May God quickly save our country from the acts of such evil persons and groups. Indeed, I pray that He saves the entire world because such evil has spread throughout the world."