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AFIC condemns Mosque demolition in Ethiopia, calls on international intervention

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“Modernising Ethiopia should not be at the cost of destruction of houses of God. A mosque is a house of God, it is a sanctuary, it is a place of spiritual healing and growth. Ethiopia has transformed some of these mosques into tombs for those who are protesting the demolition.” Said AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid.

“I don’t understand how the international community can watch and turn a blind eye to the destruction of more than 20 houses of God. The international community must censure the government of Ethiopia, faith communities around the world must protest. Neighbouring Muslim countries in particular must immediately introduce punitive measures to compel the Ethiopian government to respect the sanctity of places of worship.” Said Dr Jneid.

“Ethiopia was the first country in the world to give refuge to Muslims against persecution 1450 years ago. Today, despite a third of the population witnessing to the creed of Islam, their government has become a tool for oppression, persecution and utter disrespect for the houses of God. Ethiopia has failed to uphold democratic principles and has failed its citizens.” Said Dr Jneid.

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