

CHINA: More destroyed mosques in Xingiang

Seven out of eight mosques in one of the areas of Lianmuqin town in Xinjiang have been demolished; the remaining one is strictly supervised.

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According to a local source, seven of the eight mosques in the Shanshan county's 11th Brigade of Lianmuqin town, have already been destroyed. The local Muslims are allowed to attend the remaining mosque, but there are more than twice as many government officers as worshipers inside it during prayers. The local authorities keep some guards in between the prayers as well. "Every time there are 13 Uyghurs practicing namāz, 37 government personnel are on duty," a local Uyghur Muslim said. "We need to show our ID or give our fingerprints each time we enter the mosque for the five daily namāz prayers. Every time we kneel down and pray to Allah, the government officials stand beside us and stare directly at us. When they're looking right at you, it's impossible to feel calm. I finally stopped going."

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