

## EXTRACT OF POLICE COMPLAINT

Police station: Kathankudy

28<sup>th</sup> May 1996

### Setting fire to an Islamic place of worship

Adam Lebbe Mohamed Kaleel, Male, 41 years old. Muslim/Islam, Profession: Business, residing at No.66, Kachipodiyar Lane, Kathankudy 06 says as follows. While engaged in business as my profession I also manage the Head office of Thareekathul Mufliheen at No. 06 Abdul Latif Mawatha where Islam is taught. It is also known as Madarasa Institute. I function as the Secretary here. I stay here from 04.30 p.m. till 08.30 p.m. The teaching at Madarasa starts at 07.30 a.m. and end at 09.30 a.m. and the afternoon session starts at 02.30 p.m. and ends at 04.30 p.m. No one stays here after 08.30 p.m. Mr. Hanifa with a few others came to me today 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1996 at about 01.00 a.m. and told me that the Madarasa also known as the mosque was set ablaze. The Vice president A.L.M. Thajudeen and I visited this place. We found the Madarasa completely destroyed in the fire. We found that someone had cut the barbed wire on the beachside and had entered the premises and set ablaze the mosque and the Head office. It was about 07.30 a.m. that I came to this place. The following items were found burnt inside the mosque and the Head office. 01 cupboard, office materials, 15 wooden tables, 01 wooden cupboard, 02 blackboards, 02 beds, 250 10 mm iron rods, 100 ¼" iron rods, doors, windows and about 88 cement bags, a wooden notice board lined with aluminum, 150 nylon mats, cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery to cater to about 500 people. Also tents, Islamic books, the Madarasa building and the office was completely destroyed in the fire. The loss amount to about 6,08,210. I feel that some of the goods were stolen. A case was filed by our spiritual leader against All Ceylon Jamaithul Ulama and was won. We cannot suspect anyone. We are not aware of those who carried out this crime. No one has seen setting fire. I came to the Police to inform about this incident. If I see the goods removed from here I can identify them. I only have to say this. Read and explained. Accepted as accurate -----and signed. I, Wickremaratne Police constable No. 10545 hereby state that I have recorded the above statement honestly and accurately.

Sgd/ Gamini Tissera  
Chief Inspector  
Police Station  
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