

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

No. 270 /PRO/PHQ dated, New Delhi, the 07/10/2008

To

The Editor,
Times of India
Delhi.

Subject :- Rejoinder about news report “**Church vandalized in Delhi, cop inert**”

Sir,

The captioned news item appeared in the Times of India on 4-10-2008 is found factually incorrect and misleading. It states that a mob attacked a handful of Christian family at Peeragarhi relief camp and demolished the frontal portion of the Christian prayer hall in the camp fortnight ago.

It is clarified that on 18-9-2008 the PCR received two calls regarding a quarrel took place between two groups of people at relief camp Peeragarhi. On inquiry it was found that Shri Ezik Masih was extending the Church wall. Both parties were pacified and advised to maintain peace and communal harmony.

It is further clarified that neither any portion of the existing place of worship was ever pulled down/broken nor prayer/worship was disrupted by any resident of the relief camp. Keeping in view the sensitivity of the issue and to allay the fear of the concerned community, the local police have, however, deployed a temporary picket at the site round the clock.

In view of the above stated facts and circumstances, it is requested that the correct facts of the matter may be published with the same prominence for your esteemed readers. It will also be appreciated if the reporter is advised to get the facts verified from the concerned authority before publishing such sensitive matters which tends to cause alarm among the general public.

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