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# Voices from Tigray

Brutalities against Religious Leaders,  
Holy Places and Heritage in Tigray

Testimony 2

Testimony on Al Nejash Mosque

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## Heritage Testimony 02

### *The Ancient Al Negash Mosque*

*Evidence: Witness from a local resident and religious leaders. Witness of the local resident and footage of the damaged are video recorded.*

This is Ancient Al-Nejash Mosque. The first mosque in Africa. It was established in 7 AD. This historical and ancient mosque was renovated recently. However, the Eritrean troops in collaboration with the Ethiopian troops vandalized the mosque in and out on November 24-25,2020.

The mosque is literally completely destroyed. Just to mention:

- Externally, the domes of the mosque are damaged very badly. Two domes (Minara and Quba) of the mosque are severely bombarded.
- Internally, the sacred place of the mosque which is the grave of the pilgrims of prophet Mohmed is badly destroyed.
- Decorated and valuable vestments are damaged and teared.
- Copy letter of Al-Nejashi sent from Prophet Mohammed is partially damaged.
- Decorated wear of the 15 tombs of Asihaban from Saudi Arabia is cut up.
- The crucial materials of the mosque are looted. So many very expensive secular materials which were donated by the Turkish government are robbed.

Not only the mosque is vandalized but also about 80 people, innocent civilian Muslims and Christians, from and around the small town of Negash are killed or massacred at the time.

Three of them were killed within the mosque compound. The extent of the damage and atrocities are unimaginable and unexplainable.