Arsonist Burns Down Florida Islamic Center in Yet Another Hate Crime

Miami, September 13 (RHC)-- An Islamic religious center in the U.S. State of Florida has been set on fire in an arson attack, marking yet another hate crime against America's Muslim community. The Islamic Center of Fort Pierce went up in flames on Monday, as worshipers were preparing to celebrate the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha.

Police classified the incident as an arson attack and said they were looking for "a white or Hispanic male" as their main suspect.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) said such actions only terrorize Muslim communities across the US.

The arsonist "is terrorizing our community because we don't know where he is at and we don't know what he is capable of doing", said Wilfredo Amr Ruiz, a Florida spokesman for CAIR. "For this to happen to us on the morning of our biggest celebration of the year has made everyone saddened and scared, but our community is bigger than a building," Amr Ruiz said. "We are stronger than that."

The Fort Pierce attack's coincidence with the 15th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks has prompted the FBI and other U.S. law enforcement agencies to launch an investigation, looking for possible ties.

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