## French mosque linked to teacher's beheading ordered to remain closed

From <u>Council of State</u> confirms an earlier court ruling, after the request by the Interior Ministry.

The Muslim Federation of Pantin, which manages the Pantin mosque, appealed to France's highest administrative court in October after it was ordered to close for six months.



The presiding judge criticised the video published on the Grand Mosque of Pantin's <u>Article L227-1</u> of France's Internal Security Law, justifies the closure of a religious site.

One week after the video was posted, Paty was decapitated near the school.

The judge accused the mosque's imam of being involved in "radical Islamist activities" in the Greater Paris region, saying he was trained in a fundamentalist institute in

Yemen, and that his sermons were broadcast on a website known to publish Salafist <u>parellel ruling</u>, the <u>Council of State</u> upheld the dissolution of the BarakaCity association, a Muslim charity that was also accused of inciting "hatred, violence and discrimination".