

## Al-Hakim Mosque

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### About Al-Hakim Mosque:

- **Location:** It is a historical mosque located in **Cairo, Egypt**.
- It is **named after Al-Hakim bi-Amr Allah (985-1021 AD)**, the **sixth Fatimid caliph**.
- The mosque was **originally built by the Fatimid vizier Gawhar Al-Siqilli**, but was **incorporated into the extended fortifications** built by Badr al-Jamali **at the end of the 11th century AD**.
- The mosque was **inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979**.
- **Architecture:**
  - The mosque is **constructed of brick with stone facades and minarets**.
  - The **plan of the mosque consists of a triangle with four arcades centering a courtyard**. Two minarets flank either side of the façade.
  - **Originally built outside Cairo's northern wall**, the **mosque was incorporated within the city in 1087**, transforming its own northern wall and minarets into an integral part of the fortifications.

- The **main entrance lies on the western facade of the mosque** and is monumental in size and design. **It is one of the oldest architectural examples of projecting entrances.**

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- **India is known to have around 500,000 Bohras**, including the diasporas spread across the world.
- A large number of the Dawoodi Bohra population **reside in India, Yemen, Pakistan and East Africa.**
- The Dawoodi Bohras **also regard the Quran as the word of Allah** as revealed to Prophet Mohammed al-Mustafa, and **their lives revolve around its teachings.**
- The Dawoodi Bohras throughout the world are **guided by their leader, known as the al-dai al-mutlaq (unrestricted missionary), who first operated** from Yemen and then, **for the last 450 years, from India.**

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