

## Mecca Masjid withdraws case against Sania

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Seems like Sania Mirza will get a respite from the Mecca Masjid controversy. Masjid officials have asked police to withdraw the case against the tennis star. Sania had later apologised for shooting a commercial in the Masjid premises on December 13.

Police though are yet to take a decision on withdrawing the case. However, there is no word on the case filed against the advertising agency. The case had been registered against Sania in connection with the shooting for a commercial in the historic Mecca mosque in Hyderabad.

Another case had been registered against the advertisement agency for trespass, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Charminar) B Reddenna had said. The minority welfare department had filed a complaint with the police that Sania and the agency's crew had entered the 17th century mosque without obtaining permission from the authorities.

The Hyderabad police on registered a case of house-trespass under Section 448 of IPC against Sania Mirza and an ad agency on December 13 (Thursday). Later on Thursday evening, Sania sent an apology to Mecca Masjid Imam Hafiz Mohammad Usman Naqshbandi. The tennis star had entered the Mecca Masjid in jeans and T-shirt for the shooting of an ad film.

The case was registered on the basis of a complaint filed by Mecca Masjid superintendent Mohammad Nayeemuddin on December 11 against Sania and the ad agency for shooting the promotional film without seeking permission.