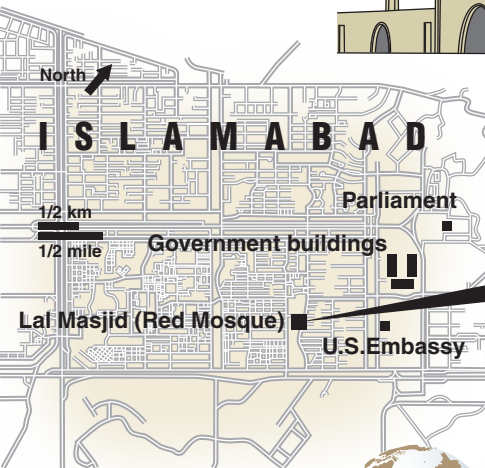
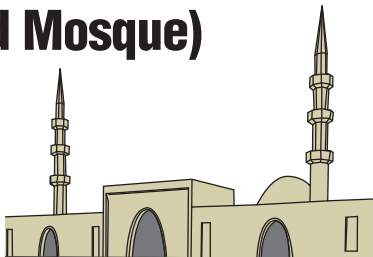


Lal Masjid (Red Mosque)

The controversial Red Mosque in Islamabad has been the focus of a bloody confrontation between Pakistani forces and radical Islamists.



Mosque facts

- Center of radical Islamic learning
- Religious school for women is attached
- Run by brothers Maulana Abdul Aziz and Abdul Rashid Ghazi
- Links to tribal areas of Pakistan, Taliban

One-week siege

July 3 Clashes between Pakistani security forces and students; 16 killed

July 4 Head of mosque, Maulana Abdul Aziz, is arrested; 700 students surrender

July 9 Siege goes on; President Musharraf offers negotiations

July 10 Pakistani troops storm mosque; more than 50 killed

