

Mosque built without permission to be razed

A MOSQUE being built illegally on municipal land in Lenasia will be demolished, the Johannesburg Property Company said yesterday.

A religious group had leased the vacant land, demarcated as a public open space, to hold open-air services for its congregation.

However, said property company spokesman Brian Mahlangu, about three weeks ago the group began erecting a structure which was to become a mosque.

Their lease had expired in November last year.

The structure was put up without the council's permis-

sion or approved building plans, he said.

The group agreed to vacate the land by August 21. The company will then apply for a demolition order for the structure.

"It was disappointing to find them erecting on our land without the proper procedures," Mahlangu said. – Sapa

