

## MOSQUES

The construction of new mosques replacing older structures has been a major activity in the city with support from many prominent citizens. As a result there are only a few old mosques built with traditional materials. Even these are hard to identify as maintenance work has plastered and painted the exterior and interior, making them look like new.

Old mosques were quite small buildings and this helps to identify them. One between Qattara and Jimi oases has been restored and stands by the road quite near the refurbished market. Another on the southern edge of the Jimi oasis overlooks the extensive palm gardens and draws water from the local falaj for the ritual washing necessary before prayers.



Restored mosque in Qatarra Oasis