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### **Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA Condemns Hate Ads on Philadelphia and NYC Public Transit**

***Calls on all Americans to unite against bigotry, falsehood, and violence***

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA expresses its strong objection to the anti-Islam hate ads on New York City and Philadelphia public transport. These hate ads promote a fabrication of “Jew-hatred” that is contrary to the true Islamic teachings of peace for all people of all faiths—including for Jews. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community condemns these ads as a form of hate speech and incitement to religious hatred.

“Such ads ignore the reality of Islam’s pluralistic teachings, and only foster hatred against Muslims under the guise of free speech.” said Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, National Vice President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA. “States are not moral agents, people are. Evil can only be surmounted when good people band together and decry such speech and actions.”

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA encourages all Americans to categorically condemn the religious bigotry and violence these hate ads foster. Islam celebrates Jews as equal human beings deserving of equal human rights, and we are open and eager to engage with all our fellow Americans on this important topic.

#### **About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:**

*Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans 206 countries with membership exceeding 160 million. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the oldest American-Muslim organizations.*

*Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. Ahmad claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad. The Community*

*believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad's advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation. He divested Muslims of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings.*

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