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***Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA urges calm after  
acts of violence in Charlottesville, Virginia***

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA urges calm after violence erupted in Charlottesville, VA at a planned white nationalists’ rally. Reports state that violence erupted immediately, leaving several people injured.

The extremists participating in this march chanted numerous violence inciting epithets including “Jews will not replace us.” History already records that such hate speech led to violence, genocide, and contributed to many deaths during World War II.

His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the Khalifa of Islam, addressed hate speech, stating, “Let it not be in the name of free speech that the world is destroyed.”

“Islam teaches self-restraint as the best speech,” states Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, National Vice President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, “This is a time for Americans to stand united against hate speech and embrace this Islamic principle of free speech based on civility and dialogue.”

We pray for the speedy recovery of the injured victims, and pray for justice.

## **About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:**

*The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans over 210 nations with membership exceeding tens of millions. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the oldest American-Muslim organizations.*

*The 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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