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Ahmadiyya Muslim Congressional Caucus to Hold Capitol Hill Reception for U.S. Lawmakers and Faith Leaders

***U.S. Congressional Representatives Jackie Speier (D-CA) and Peter King
(R-NY) to Emphasize Protection of Rohingya Muslims***

U.S. Representatives Jackie Speier (D-CA) and Peter King (R-NY), co-chairs of the bipartisan 32-member Ahmadiyya Muslim Caucus, will headline a special reception on Capitol Hill for U.S. lawmakers, faith leaders and religious freedom advocates. The annual gathering will specifically highlight (1) the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar and support for two pending bills in Congress (H.R. 4223 and S. Res. 2060); and (2) the alarming persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Algeria, where 266 Ahmadi Muslims have been arrested on account of their faith in recent months, and Pakistan, where Ahmadi Muslims face institutionalized religious repression, including criminal prosecution and imprisonment under anti-blasphemy and anti-terrorism laws, police torture, voter disenfranchisement and publication bans.

“As a community that is persecuted ourselves, we are deeply grief-stricken at the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar,” said Amjad Mahmood Khan, National Director of Public Affairs for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, *“We join the Ahmadiyya Muslim Caucus on Capitol Hill to ensure that Rohingya Muslims attain their basic human rights and freedoms.”*

Other special guests expected include: U.S. Representative Pete Aguilar (D-CA), U.S. Representative Norma Torres (D-CA), Kristina Arriaga de Bucholz (Vice Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom); Rabbi David Saperstein (former U.S. Ambassador for International Religious Freedom); and Reza Uddin (Council Member, Arakan Rohingya Union). As part of their 8th Annual “Day on the Hill,” over 100 Ahmadi Muslim volunteers from across America will plan to brief over 200 U.S. Congressional offices on February 15-16.

Event: Ahmadiyya Muslim Caucus Reception with Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) and Rep. Peter King (R-NY)

When: February 15, 2018 (Thursday) at 5:00 pm

Where: Rayburn HOB 2043 (Banquet Room)
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Media Opportunity: Members of Congress and Ahmadi Muslim and Rohingya Muslim representatives will be available for interviews

About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans more than 200 countries with membership exceeding 160 million. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the first 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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