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Militants Have No Place in Islam

AMC condemns Attacks in Mumbai as acts against Humanity

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) strongly condemns the atrocious acts of violence perpetrated against the innocent people of Mumbai this week. The AMC holds strongly to the true Islamic teachings of peace and denounces any act that disturbs the peace of any society and the security of any community.

Those responsible for the attacks in Mumbai have broken cardinal rules within Islam, such as the Quranic directive “*And create not disorder in the earth after it has been set in order*” (7:57). Islam strongly condemns violence and the taking of innocent lives, and the AMC rejects any claims from militants that they are following Islamic principles. There is no place for militancy in Islam, and Islam has no need for those who resort to violence in a so-called defense of their faith.

The AMC’s worldwide supreme spiritual leader, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, is currently visiting India and delivered a message for everyone to “*follow peace in your life.*” The founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, came from India and emphatically declared that an aggressive “jihad by the sword” has no place in Islam. In its place, he taught his followers to wage a bloodless, intellectual “jihad of the pen” to defend Islam. Through his teachings, the AMC has become the leading Islamic organization to categorically reject terrorism in any form.

The AMC sends condolences to the government of India and the victims of these attacks and their families and prays that the criminals behind this attack are brought to justice.

About AMC:

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) is a dynamic, reformist and fast growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, AMC spans over 180 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. AMC USA, established in 1921, is the first American-Muslim organization.

AMC is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} (1835-1908) of Qadian. Ahmad^{as} claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus^{as} of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad^{sa}. AMC believes that God sent Ahmad^{as}, like Jesus^{as}, to end

religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad^{as}'s advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation. He divested Islam of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings.

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