



## Press Release

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### **Muslims Call for End to Violence in Gaza**

#### ***Ahmadiyya Muslims pray for victims and call for cease fire***

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) strongly condemns the loss of life in Gaza and Israel over the past several days. Every innocent life lost to such violence fosters more chaos and unrest, and the AMC denounces any attempt made to justify the loss of any life.

Israel and Palestine both consist of men, women and children who desire peace and security instead of violence and fear. The AMC calls on both sides to cease and desist from using violence to solve their problems and strongly condemns the use of disproportionate and excessive force under any circumstances. True peace can only be achieved by working together as brothers.

*“Reverence for life is a part of Islam”* said Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, Vice President of the AMC USA. *“The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community calls on the United States government and other influential parties to dispense justice in the area.”*

The AMC sends condolences to the victims of these attacks and their families and prays that the violence comes to an end soon.

#### **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<sup>as</sup> (1835-1908) of Qadian. Ahmad<sup>as</sup> claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus<sup>as</sup> of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>. AMC believes that God sent Ahmad<sup>as</sup>, like Jesus<sup>as</sup>, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad<sup>as</sup>'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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