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Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA condemns attack on Charlie Hebdo

Calls for prayer, patience, and dialogue to overcome extremism

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA categorically condemns the barbaric attack on Charlie Hebdo in Paris, France, and mourns with the families of the victims.

Reports indicate that two culprits have killed at least 12 innocent civilians and injured several more. The Community mourns the loss of innocent life and prays that may God Almighty bring patience to the hearts of those grieving the loss of loved ones.

“Nothing justifies this barbaric and inhumane attack,” said Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, National Vice President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA. “Islam and Prophet Muhammad teach that life is sacrosanct and specifically forbids any worldly punishment for blasphemy. The culprits behind this atrocity have violated every Islamic tenet of compassion, justice, and peace.”

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community asks all people to work together to eradicate extremism in all its forms. We continue to pray for peace and for those suffering.

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 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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