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MUSLIM LEADER PRAYS FOR PEACE DURING MUHARRAM

The Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad has today once again called on Muslims to give up all forms of violence and terrorism.

His Holiness said:

“I pray that all cruelties that the misguided falsely justify in Allah’s name and in the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad come to an end.”

Referring specifically to the holy Islamic month of Muharram that has just started, His Holiness prayed that the month passes without the bloodshed and sectarianism witnessed in previous years. He said:

“In the past we have seen that during the month of Muharram, in Pakistan and in certain other Muslim countries great tensions have erupted between Sunnis, Shias and other Muslim sects. These tensions have led to the killing of innocent people, attacks on religious processions and other terrorist activities. May God Almighty protect all people from such incidents.”

His Holiness stated that he hoped that the Muslim world would come to realise the *true* purpose of the martyrdom of Hadhrat Imam Hussain.¹ His martyrdom came at a time when morality was failing, personal interests were superseding the wider interests of society and worldly matters were taking precedence over religion. Due to these factors cruelties exceeded all bounds. These mistakes, he said, were being repeated in today's world. Standards of morality and tolerance were falling and as a result members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat were routinely persecuted and martyred by other Muslims, particularly in Pakistan.

His Holiness concluded by praying:

“May the Muslim world understand the true purpose of the martyrdom of Hadhrat Imam Hussain and may they accept the Messiah of this age, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian.”

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¹ Hadhrat Imam Hussain, grandchild of the Holy Prophet of Islam. Martyred in Karbala, Iraq on 10th Muharram, 61 AH