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REPORT

DUTCH GOVERNMENT DEFENDS AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMAAT FROM FALSE ALLEGATIONS

On 19 October 2011, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat issued a Press Release entitled ***'World Muslim Leader sends warning to Dutch Politician Geert Wilders'*** (copy attached).

The Press Release was based on a Friday Sermon delivered by Hadhrat Khalifa-tul Masih V^{atba}, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, in Holland on 14 October 2011. During the Sermon, His Holiness warned the opponents of Islam, and in particular Mr Geert Wilders, about the consequences of their lies and false propaganda about Islam and the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saws}.

His Holiness also used the Sermon to praise the efforts of Queen Beatrix to promote interfaith harmony and tolerance.

Following the publication of the Press Release, Geert Wilders who is the leader of the PVV Party in Holland took notice of its issue and in response sent the following three questions to Holland's national Interior Ministry:

- 1. Are you (the Interior Ministry) familiar with the article *‘World Muslim Leader sends warning to Dutch Politician Geert Wilders’*?**
- 2. (Hadhrat) Mr Masroor Ahmad has said *‘Listen carefully, you, your party and every other person like you will ultimately be destroyed...?’* What measures does the Interior Ministry plan to take against this Islamic organisation calling for violence?**
- 3. How is the Ahmadiyya community in the Netherlands related to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community worldwide and to (Hadhrat) Mr Masroor Ahmad?**

In response the following answers were given by the Dutch Interior Minister:

- 1. Yes (I am familiar with the article).**
- 2. According to the Press Release, (Hadhrat) Mr Masroor Ahmad said that such people or groups are not destroyed by violence or other secular activities, but through prayer. In the remarks I see nothing that incites or calls for violence, so I see little cause for any action against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat.**
- 3. The Dutch Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is part of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat.**

(These responses were reported by the Nieuws Press Agency in Holland on 14 November 2011.)

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat takes this opportunity to thank the Dutch Interior Ministry for fully studying the contents and context of the Press Release issued on 19 October 2011.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat abhors all forms of terrorism and categorically rejects all sectarian or religious violence.

Whilst it is true, that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat takes every opportunity to defend true Islam, it does so only through entirely peaceful means and through prayer. It also condemns in the strongest terms those so called Muslims who misrepresent true Islam as a religion of violence and extremism.

End

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PRESS RELEASE

WORLD MUSLIM LEADER SENDS WARNING TO DUTCH POLITICIAN GEERT WILDERS

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad also praises Queen Beatrix

During a recent visit to Holland, the world Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, issued a stark warning to Geert Wilders, the far-right Dutch politician. He warned Wilders that if he continued to defame Islam and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) then he and other like-minded individuals would be humiliated by God Almighty.

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said that Wilders had exceeded all limits of falsehood and hatred in his opposition towards Islam. He said Wilders was motivated solely by a desire to further his own political ambitions and so the time had come to warn him about the consequences of his actions. He said that irrespective of whether Wilders gained further political capital in the short term, ultimately his antics would lead only towards abject failure and humiliation.

Addressing Wilders directly, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Listen carefully - You, your party and every other person like you will ultimately be destroyed. But the religion of Islam and the message of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) will remain forever. No worldly power, no matter how powerful and no matter how much hatred they bear towards Islam, will ever succeed in erasing our religion.”

His Holiness explained that the destruction of such individuals would be achieved through prayer alone and not by any worldly means. He said:

“Always remember, that we can achieve nothing without prayer. We have no worldly power, nor will we ever use any worldly force. But the prayers of people whose hearts have been grieved are enough to shake the Heavens.”

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad also spoke of the many decent people who continued to live in Holland and who rejected wholeheartedly the extremist views perpetuated by Wilders. His Holiness said that all such people who care for the feelings of one another and who believe in religious freedom should come together and launch a campaign for peace in the world. This is something that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat has long advocated and has been involved with throughout the world.

During his visit, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, also took the opportunity to praise the efforts of Queen Beatrix towards promoting inclusiveness and equality.

Speaking about her efforts, His Holiness said:

“All Ahmadi Muslims should pray for Queen Beatrix because certain sections of the local society have turned against her, due to the fact that she has openly condemned the anti-Islam movement in this country. They are also angry because she advocates the right of Muslims to be treated as full and equal citizens, whose rights and feelings should be respected. Thus we must pray that all plans and schemes against the Queen completely fail.”

End of Release

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