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AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMAAT CONDEMNS POPPY BURNING

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat hereby condemns absolutely reports that a small number of so-called Muslims gathered in Hyde Park on Remembrance Day and raised anti-UK slogans and burned a poppy, which acts as a symbol of the sacrifices made by those who lost their lives during the war.

Muslims who live in the UK or in any other country have a religious and moral duty to show complete loyalty to their nation and this includes a respect for those who have lost their lives trying to protect their country.

Abid Khan, The Press Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat said:

“This was a very sad incident that will have caused deep pain and regret to all decent and tolerant people. These protesters are happy to receive British citizenship and all the benefits and freedoms that go along with it and yet on the other hand they fail to respect or show any decency towards the people of this country. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat condemns this act in the strongest terms. A fundamental teaching of Islam is to show loyalty to your nation and thus such acts are nothing to do with the religion.”

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat also condemns in the strongest terms recent attacks on the Christian community in Iraq. Any form of terrorism or extremism must be condemned in the very strongest terms and is categorically rejected by the teachings of Islam. The Holy Qur'an specifically instructs Muslims to protect the places of worship of all other religions and it invokes that all men and women have a right to religious freedom.

Thus the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat extends its heartfelt condolences to all of those who have been directly affected by these attacks and indeed to the wider Christian community. We pray for those left bereaved that may God grant them patience during these very difficult times.

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