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**PRESS RELEASE**

**MUSLIM COMMUNITY CONDEMNS ALLEGED HARD LINE TAKEOVER OF BRITISH MOSQUES**

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (AMA) has responded to an article in today's Sunday Times which suggests that almost one half of Britain's mosques are under the control of a hard line 'Islamic' sect. The Press Secretary of the AMA, Abid Khan said:

*"The article by Andrew Norfolk in today's issue of the Sunday Times portrays some extremely worrying statistics which suggest that many Mosques in the UK are developing extreme tendencies. The article suggests that many of the worshippers in Mosques throughout the UK are taught to loathe Western values and to 'shed blood' in the name of Islam.*

*I take this opportunity to once again reiterate the fact that the AMA has absolutely no links with any such groups or organisations. The world leader of the AMA, His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, has always instructed his followers to abide by the laws of the country where they live, to respect the local values and to show regard to the feelings of all peoples, no matter their colour, creed or nationality.*

*The AMA has a long standing motto of 'Love for All, Hatred for None' and it is upon this basis that members throughout the UK and indeed throughout the world try and live their lives. In the UK each year the AMA raises many thousands of pounds for local and national charities in an effort to help those in need, regardless of their ethnic, religious or cultural backgrounds.*

*The AMA has a number of Mosques and Centres spread throughout the UK. This includes the largest Mosque in Western Europe known as the 'Bait-ul-Futuh Mosque' and the local communities and media are always welcome in any of our places of worship."*

**End of Release**

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