

PRESS RELEASE

MUSLIMS RESPOND TO MOSQUE ATTACK IN VIRGINIA

Attack will not deter Ahmadi Muslims from completing the Mubarak Mosque

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat condemns the vandalism committed on their new Mubarak Mosque in Chantilly, Virginia, on 29th January 2012. In this senseless act, vandals destroyed nearly every window on the first floor of the new construction, causing an estimated \$60,000 worth of damage.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat hopes that this remains an isolated incident. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat is the oldest Muslim organisation in the United States and has spent decades presenting the true and peaceful message of Islam to the American public. It has thousands of members spread across the United States who are propagating a message of peace, tolerance and loyalty.

The President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat in the USA, Dr Ahsan Zafar said

“As Muslims who believe in the Promised Messiah, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, we are a tolerant and patient people and we will continue with our work while the police will do their job. This Mosque will be a source of education,

peace, love and understanding. And we will not let isolated cases of intolerance get in the way.”

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

“The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat is based in 200 countries and wherever Ahmadi Muslims build mosques they are signs of peace, unity and inclusion. It is a real shame that our new mosque in Virginia has been attacked in this way. We believe that all places of worship, regardless of religion, should be respected.”

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat is grateful for the outpouring of support for the Mosque from the vast majority of the surrounding community. Such expressions of support will further the common goal of fostering a tolerant and peaceful society.

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