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Ahmadi Muslims condemn Profanity against Prophet Muhammad^{saw}

The worldwide head of a Muslim community has today congratulated the UK media for the responsible response to the cartoon controversy that has shocked the Muslim world.

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad – the Spiritual Head of 200-million strong Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in 182 countries – also said faith leaders should stand united against assaults on religious sensitivities.

Hadhrat Ahmad said that the regard with which Muslims held the Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) is inestimable and they therefore found it incomprehensible why a Prophet of God should be depicted in such a way.

He said: “I would like to condemn unreservedly the behaviour of some of the newspapers portraying the Holy Prophet of Islam, Mohammad (peace be on him) in an offensive and uncouth manner.

“It is a sad day when the media – that is supposed to inform, educate and create understanding and harmony among different races and religions – deliberately provokes and aggravates the religious sensitivities by insulting the Founder of the great religion of Islam. Although the freedom of speech has been used as an excuse, the media has a responsibility to respect the spiritual sensitivities of all religions. We live in a multi-religious society in this world and it behoves us all to understand each other, to respect each other’s belief and to live in peace and harmony.

“I am sure my co-religionists will join me in condemning this unnecessary and un-called for provocation. This is the time for all religious leaders to stand together and condemn this profanity.

“I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the British Press and media for the responsible manner in which they have handled this hurtful incident, and the delicate manner in which they have treated this sensitive issue.”

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has its worldwide headquarters in London, UK and has built Europe's biggest mosque complex in the city. It was also responsible for building the first mosque in London.

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