

Statewide Coalition NJ Muslims Condemns the Terrorist Attack at Istanbul Airport

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On behalf of a broad coalition of more than 85 Muslim organizations in New Jersey, we join all the people of good conscience in the world and categorically condemn the terrorist attack by suicide bombers at Istanbul Airport that took the lives of 41 innocent people and injured another 239. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased and the injured and the victims of all the terrorist attacks around the world. It is obvious now that extremism and terrorism knows no borders and humanity is the victim of this ominous phenomenon.

The terrorists who continue to perpetrate these heinous crimes against humanity know no religion. They represent nothing more than a deviant and evil death cult bent on sowing discord amongst the civilized world and people from all backgrounds. They do not represent Islam or Muslims in any sense. The Islam we know and practice calls for peace, mercy, love, tolerance and helping others.

As the Qur'an states, "Whoever kills a person, it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind." (Qur'an 5:32) Further, in the Qur'an, God commands, "... do not kill yourselves, for, behold, God is indeed a dispenser of grace to you." (An-Nisa 4:29) and "...Take not life, which God hath made sacred," (al-An'am 6:151).

The Coalition urges all mosques and Islamic Centers to organize candle light vigils for the victims of this terrorist bombing as soon as possible. Such a vigil was held by Muslims for Peace on Wednesday evening, June 29th. Masjid-e-Ali will hold a candle light vigil at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 30th at 47 Cedar Grove Lane to remember the victims of this tragedy and pray for peace, unity, tolerance, and love.

The Coalition also encourages mosques to remember the Istanbul victims during Friday Jumma prayers this week as deemed appropriate by each mosque, including Salatul Janaza Ghayb.

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See page 2 for a list of the organizations supporting this statement.

List of Organizations Supporting the Statement

Ahlul-Bayt Student Association
Al Hoda Islamic Center - Jersey City
Al Tawheed Islamic Center – Jersey City
American Arab Civic Org
American Coalition for Good Government
American Muslim Alliance - NJ
American Muslim Council PAC
American Muslim Union
American Muslims for Democracy
American Muslims for Hunger Relief
American Muslims for Palestine, AMP
Anjumane Nawjawanane Ali Akber
Bayonne Islamic Center
Bayonne Muslims
Baytul-Iman Academy
Bergen County Islamic Center
CAIR - NJ
Council for the Advancement of Muslim Professionals
Dar ul Islam
Elizabeth Islamic Center - Midland Park
Elzahara Islamic Center
EMERGE - USA
Green Muslims of New Jersey (GMNJ)
Helping Hand for Relief and Development
Hudson County Moslim Associations
Inspiring American Muslim Youth
Institute of Islamic Studies
Islamic Center of East Brunswick
Islamic Center of Jersey City
Islamic Center of Morris County
Islamic Center of Old Bridge
Islamic Center of Passaic County
Islamic Center of South River
Islamic Center of Union County
Islamic Circle of North America
Islamic Council of Hudson County
Islamic Council on Scouting of North America
Islamic Cultural Center
Islamic Relief USA
Islamic Society of Basking Ridge
Islamic Society of Central Jersey
Islamic Society of Essex County
Madinah Cultural Center -Kearny
Majilus Ashurah of Essex and Union County
Masjid Al-Wali - Edison
Masjid Ibrahim - Newark
Masjid-e-Ali (MFI) – Somerset
Masjid Muhammad Atlantic City Inc.
Masjidullah Inc. Plainfield
Masjid Waarith ud Deen, Irvington
Mehfile Shahe Khorasan / Sultan Karamali
Message of peace Inc/ Patan-e- Aman
Mohammadia English Program
Muslim American Society
Muslim Center of Middlesex County
Muslim Community Center Union County
Muslim Community of New Jersey
Muslim League of Voters of NJ
Muslim Society of Ridgewood
Muslim Students Association of NJIT
Muslims4peace.org
New Africa Educational Inst.
New Africa Excellence Enterprise LLC
New Business Islamic Center
New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association
New Jersey Muslim Voters Project
NJ Sisterhood
North Hudson Islamic Educational Center
Palestinian American Community Center
Plainfield Center for Islamic Enlightenment
Sadaqa House Inc.
Shia American Relationship Council (SARC)
Shia Assn Of North America, Baitul Qaem.
SMILE
Standwithdignity.org
Swasia Charity Foundation
The Building Blocks of NJ
The Citizens Foundation
The Indigo GLOW Foundation
The Muslim Network
The New Guidance Center
Tri State Imams Council
Turkish Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Universal Muslim Association of America (UMAA)
World Islamic Committee on Scouting
Zanabia New Jersey