

Respected friends in faith,

Assalamo Alaikum wa Rehmatullah, may the Peace and Blessings of God be on you,

Alongside the entire world I watch horrified at the senseless loss of life during the current transpiring events. I wished to reach out earlier but I didn't know what to say other than to simply offer my condolences and sympathy for the barbaric loss of innocent lives. There was a statement put out by the Worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. I believe this encapsulates what we're all feeling and I know you also share the same sentiments.

Statement on behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

“Over the past few days, hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians, including women, children and the elderly, have been killed or injured as a result of senseless violence and bloodshed. The killing or harming of innocent civilians is a direct violation of the teachings of the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings be upon him), who taught that even in a state of warfare, no woman, child or elder should be targeted or harmed in any way. Nor should any religious leader or place of worship be attacked.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community extends its deepest sympathies and prayers to all those who have been left bereaved or affected in any way. Our hearts go out to them all.

We pray and urge for an immediate end to hostilities and for peace to prevail so that no more lives are lost. For that, it is necessary that the channels of communication between relevant parties and nations remain open.

Until a ceasefire occurs, any military action taken must ensure that civilians do not come to any harm.

We urge the United States and other influential nations to abstain from any actions or statements that may further inflame the volatile situation. Instead, alongside the relevant international organisations, they should make every possible effort to urgently de-escalate the conflict and secure peace as soon as possible.

Justice and equity are of paramount importance in achieving lasting and sustainable peace. Thus, all the major powers must focus on establishing long-term and sustainable peace based upon the principles of fairness and true justice.

Our only wish and prayer is for peace, love, and understanding in the world and we believe the only way to achieve it is through justice, fairness and communication. Violence will only lead to more violence.

I know you're with us in these ideals and prayers. Please let me know if there's anything we can do to help bridge the gap of misunderstanding, we truly believe we're all part of God's humanity and pray for our peace and unity.

May God be your protector

Sincerely yours,
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