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UNITED AGAINST TERRORISM

Statement on Paris Attacks

“L'islam est un mode de vie qui est de l'équilibre et de modération, dans lequel se trouve la dignité et la noblesse. Il est fermement opposé à toute forme d'extrémisme et radicalisme, ainsi que la violence, le meurtre et le terrorisme. Toute personne qui se déplace loin de cette voie du milieu vers l'extrême, dans la pensée ou de comportement, est éloignée de l'islam.” – Shaykh Pirzada

As the Muslim people of faith around the world had marked the weekly holy day of Friday in congregation to honour the collective spirit of community, and as societies of all faiths and of no-faith marked the beginning of the weekend holiday from the routine chores of life with their families and friends, the horrific evil of terror struck at the heart of life in Paris, France. Shaykh Muhammad Imdad Hussain Pirzada (Founder and Principal of Jamia Al-Karam and President of the UK Branch of the World Association for Al-Azhar Graduates) has severely condemned this act of barbarity, mass murder and terror.

In comparison to the global population, a tiny minority of beings, void of their human nature, values and instincts, continues to remain hell bent on murder, mayhem and utter human destruction. With killings and mass murders of thousands being committed by this affront to humanity in different parts of the world, their thirst for blood seems not to be quenched. Only in the recent past few days, we have witnessed attacks to have occurred in Baghdad, Beirut and now Paris. These stone-hearted killers have no faith, for faith melts the heart and grants an internal and external sense of virtue; and they kill indiscriminately without bound or reason, to fulfil their murderous desires; and for killing themselves in the process, they demonstrate their weakness and cowardice. They are simply homicidal, suicidal, maniacal beasts!

As with all acts of terror, murder, killing and destruction, the attacks in Paris of 13 November 2015 are strongly condemned. The shock and horror of last night has struck at the hearts of all people and all communities. Our thoughts, condolences and well wishes remain with the victims of this tragedy, their families and their friends. As Britain stands with France, as our Prime Minister David Cameron stands with the French President Francois Hollande, we – the British people – stand with the French people at this difficult hour. The attack is an attack on all of us, and we stand shoulder to shoulder against such evil. We echo the words of President Hollande, “In these difficult moments, we must – and I’m thinking of the many victims, their families and the injured – show compassion and solidarity. But we must also show unity and calm.”

The so-called Islamic State, ISIS or Daesh, has claimed responsibility for this attack. As they stand as an affront to humanity, they too stand as an affront to the Muslim populations of the world. If they seek to divide, terrorise indiscriminately and seek conflicts through reactions of anti-Western sentiments on the one hand and anti-Muslim sentiments on the other hand, then their defeat lies in the Muslims and the Western populations standing united against their murderous, warmongering intents. We will not let them destroy our world, and we will not allow them to claim the religion of Islam nor taint it with their evil of terror. If the suicidal killers think that they have escaped the laws of the land as they shed blood of the greatest creation of God, the human being, and assume that Paradise awaits them with seventy virgins; they will soon wake up to the reality of eternal damnation in the pits of Hell, for none can escape the justice of God, in this world or the hereafter.

We stand committed to human dignity and pray for peace in our world. We pray for the removal of *zulm* (tyranny), and we pray for the victims of violence and terror in the world we care so dearly about. For anyone seeking clarity on the non-correlation between ISIS and Islam, consider reading *ISIS: State of Ignorance* by Shaykh Muhammad Imdad Hussain Pirzada, a concise publication recently launched by Jamia Al-Karam.

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Notes:

1. Statement of Shaykh Pirzada translated into French above: "Islam is a way of life that is of balance and moderation, in which lies dignity and nobility. It is firmly opposed to any kind of extremism and radicalism, as well as violence, killing and terrorism. Any individual who moves away from this middle way towards the extreme, in thought or conduct, has moved away from Islam."
2. *ISIS: State of Ignorance – A reflection on Islam and moderation, extremism and terrorism, and the fitnah of ISIS (Daesh)* by Shaykh Pirzada is an uncomplicated and comprehensive discourse that begins by expounding the centrality of moderation within every aspect of Islam and the Muslims way of life. Understanding this moderation is key when searching for an authoritative description of Islam and looking for means to counter the narratives of extremism, terrorism and now the phenomenon of Daeshism. The discourse continues with a reflection on the nature of extremism and its relation to terrorism, as well as Islam's unequivocal caution concerning both. Furthermore, an analysis of the Qur'anic term *fitnah* in the context of the present-day emergence of ISIS (Daesh) is presented with simplicity and great clarity. This is an important read for anyone looking for answers.

It is available directly from Al-Karam Publications

http://alkarampublications.com/index.php?page=shop.product_details&flypage=shop.flypage&product_id=104&category_id=6&manufacturer_id=0&option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=105&vmcchk=1&Itemid=105) and it can also be purchased through Amazon (http://www.amazon.co.uk/ISIS-Muhammad-Imdad-Hussain-Pirzada/dp/0956938868/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1447514063&sr=8-1&keywords=isis+pirzada).

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