



## Press Release

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### **Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA Calls for Peace and Justice in Baltimore**

#### *Condemns Discrimination of African Americans and Ensuing Riots*

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA condemns the violence and rioting currently occurring in the streets of Baltimore. The Community implores peace and justice both for the citizens of Baltimore as well as for law enforcement.

“As citizens of this great nation we are pained whenever we see injustice against our fellow citizens,” said Wasim Malik, National Vice President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, “and there is no doubt that the ongoing injustice against Baltimore’s African American community is inexcusable. Likewise, we condemn the rioting and ensuing violence, and instead implore patience, peace, and legal recourse to unjust acts.”

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA implores Prophet Muhammad’s example of justice and compassion in the face of injustice and violence. We ask all Americans and the government to condemn the biased treatment of African Americans in Baltimore and around the country. We encourage all Americans to work with our respective local, state, and federal governments to justly, legally, and with education, seek a path to peaceful reconciliation and understanding.

#### **About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:**

*Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans more than 200 countries with membership exceeding 160 million. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the oldest American-Muslim organizations.*

*Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. Ahmad claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad. The Community believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad’s advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation. He divested Muslims of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam’s true and essential teachings.*