

## Mumbai Weeps and So We Do

Mumbai is weeping over its human and financial losses after being targeted with its own version of 9/11. Leaving more than 200 dead, 300 injured, and other financial and psychological damages, the attacks took place at the Taj Mahal Hotel, the Oberoi hotel, St George's hospital, Chatrapati Shivaji train station, Leopold Café, and the city's Jewish center "Nariman House". The world offers its condolences to Mumbai, and shares its sorrow.

We, the Muslim Student Association (MSA), condemn the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, as we do for every other similar attack around the world. Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with the victims and their families with the hope that these inhumane perpetrators will be served to justice and punished for the heinous crimes they have committed against the city and its civilians.

Recently, The All Dulles Area Muslim Society "ADAMS" center, based in Washington D.C., condemned the Mumbai attack by stating: "Islam holds the human soul in high esteem, and considers the attack against innocent human beings a grave sin. ADAMS states clearly that those who commit acts of terror, murder, and cruelty in the name of Islam are not only destroying innocent lives, but are also betraying the values of the faith they claim to represent. No injustice done to Muslims can ever justify the massacre of innocent people, and no act of terror will ever serve the cause of Islam. We repudiate and dissociate ourselves from any Muslim group or individual who commits such brutal and un-Islamic acts. We refuse to allow our faith to be held hostage by the criminal actions of a tiny minority acting outside the teachings of both the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him."

The MSA of the University of Hartford adopts this condemnation and confirms that those attacks which aim to kill innocents, divide our unity as human beings, and spread terror, are not those of the teachings of the prophet Mohammed "may peace be upon him" or the religion of Islam.

As it states in the Holy Quran: "Oh you who believe, stand up firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even if it be against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be against rich or poor; for God can best protect both. Do not follow any passion, lest you not be just. And if you distort or decline to do justice, verily God is well-acquainted with all that you do." (Quran 4:135)

May peace be upon us all,

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