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UK Muslims Shocked by Plan to Burn Holy Quran in USA

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK strongly condemns plans by a church in Florida to organise an “International Burn a Quran Day” on 11th September. The church has accused Islam, Quran and Muslims of several teachings which are against Christianity, and has used racial and discriminatory language against Islam.

The world Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, **Hadhraat Mirza Masroor Ahmad**, said:

“Religious extremism, be it Christian extremism, Muslim extremism or any other kind is never a true reflection of the religion. Indeed a number of churches have condemned this act. There is nothing wrong with intellectual or theological debate but this should be conducted within the bounds of decency and tolerance. Instead what we are seeing is hatred being spread.

“The world needs peace, love and brotherhood. The world needs an end to wars. Instead of walls of hatred being erected we need peace to prevail and for this to occur people of all faiths must join together.”

The National President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK, **Mr Rafiq Hayat**, said:

“Burning any religious scripture is directly contrary to the teachings of all the world’s major religions. These few unfortunate Christians planning this ghastly act need to ask themselves whether they truly belong to Jesus (peace be upon him) for he was a prophet of peace.

“We appeal to this church to abandon this provocative act that will offend billions of people of all faiths around the world. If anything 9/11 should be a time for all of us to reaffirm our commitment to peace and not to create new conflicts.”

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