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Let's Keep London Free of Religious Discord

The vast majority of people of all faiths and of none are passionate about peace and the need to create a harmonious society. It is one of the human factors that binds us all together, and rightly so, and the Ahmadiyya Muslim community is dedicated to this cause the world over.

As Muslims we know that Islam is a religion of peace and it pains us even more when actions are carried out in the name of Islam that create disorder. Recently in the UK and London in particular we have noticed a growing campaign that is doing just that – spreading hatred and in some cases even inciting violence against our community.

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

“Through leaflet distribution, posting of hate material on websites and via programmes on satellite TV (often in Urdu and other south Asian languages) our community is being made a target of hatred and hostility by preachers of hate.

“The perpetrators of this act are Muslims and whilst they are certainly not representative of the vast majority of Muslims in this country, they are creating hatred in society.

“Freedom of speech is one thing, but incitement of hatred is another matter altogether. We appeal to the authorities to nip this in the bud; otherwise this campaign of hatred against Ahmadi Muslims today will tomorrow grow into a threat against other moderate Muslims and indeed the wider society.

“We on our part remain firm to our principles of peace and will continue to respond with patience and prayer.”

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