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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MUSLIM COMMUNITY CONDEMNS REPRINTING OF DANISH CARTOONS**

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community strongly condemns news from Denmark that a series of caricatures which caused a great deal of controversy two years ago have been reprinted. Such caricatures are extremely hurtful to all peace loving Muslims and not just those fanatical extremists who have tarnished the image of Islam.

Let there be no doubt that such caricatures are extremely provocative and inflammatory.

The Danish newspapers have allegedly justified their actions on the basis of defending their right to '*freedom of speech*'. However such vulgarity regarding any sacred person of any religion can never be justified. Freedom of expression is not a licence to forget about the heartfelt sentiments of people.

Those who have allowed these cartoons to be published ought to be in no doubt that their actions will cause anguish to millions of people around the world.

The Press Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Abid Khan said:

*"Muslims regard the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as the most excellent model of virtue and dignity in the history of mankind. And thus these images are utterly offensive to any Muslim and indeed to any person who cares for the feelings of others.*

*The journalists involved know very well the reaction these cartoons caused two years ago. And thus by reprinting them they know that they are likely to cause severe distress to many millions of people around the world. What then can be the benefit of displaying such vulgar images?*

*It is reported that the Danish authorities have apprehended three persons in respect of a plot to harm one of the journalists involved with the original cartoons. If the Danish authorities are correct then we wholly condemn the motives of those three people as their actions can never be justified. However neither can the subsequent response of those Danish news editors who have allowed these hurtful repellent images to be publicly displayed once again."*

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has spread throughout the world by adhering to its message of 'Love for All, Hatred for None'. It is hoped that this message is taken to heart by all people no matter what their colour, creed or religion. By printing these cartoons certainly those responsible have not followed this message of love but have in fact taken the opposite path.

It is further hoped that this sad episode does not result in the violent reaction that was witnessed two years ago. As Muslims we defend the honour of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) through our words and through our prayers and not through senseless violence that is never justified.

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