Press Release

Justice for All

Queens, NY, June 4, 2020: We have watched disturbing scenes of the irresponsible use of force by law enforcement on African Americans and, in response, peaceful voices being drowned out by violence and vandalism. We wholeheartedly condemn all injustice, violence, racism, and oppression.

As Muslim Americans, we condemn all forms of racism and discrimination against African Americans and all people of color in the United States. We condemn the systematic racism in our education system, the criminal justice system, and at all levels of government.

We wish unequivocally to state that racism and injustice is a violation of human rights. This is the message of Islam to the world: all human beings have been given equality, freedom, and liberty. Islam abolished racism. "O mankind! We have created you from a single male and female and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know each other. The most honorable of you in the sight of Allah are surely the righteous." (Q49:3) Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) also said the white has no superiority over the black nor the black over the white.

We strongly condemn the violence, rioting, and looting in the cities. We encourage everyone to voice opposition to injustice in a peaceful and responsible manner and to seek equality, justice, and fair treatment for all regardless of race, color, ethnicity, and nationality.

We advise our youths to avoid the pitfall of emotional reactions or joining the rioting and looting crowds. There can be no justification for vandalism, injuries, violence, and destruction to properties in the pursuit of justice.

Our obligation as Muslim Americans is to dismantle racism and uphold our rights as provided by the constitution. We pray for understanding, peace, respect, and justice and guidance for those charged with our safety and protection.

May Allah open our hearts to compassion for others and open our minds to clearly see and eradicate injustice.

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