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ISCJ STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The Muslim communities around the country grieve as we witness the events of the past few days. The deaths of black lives and police officers have shocked us all. "To Allah we belong and to Him is our return. Due to Allah that which He has taken away and His is whatever He has given. With Him, everything has an appointed term; so let us have patience and seek reward from Him."

"...If anyone slays a human being...it shall be as though he had slain all of humanity; whereas, if anyone saves a life, it shall be as though he had saved the lives of all of humanity." (Qur'an 5:32)

Humanity and Muslims cannot be silent when faced with such violence. The foundation of society is to protect every life. . If we can save one life, than we have saved all lives. The taking of one life is tantamount to taking all lives. Together we must uphold the sanctity of life – every life. Our hearts cannot continue to be broken with the news that another life was taken. We must stand together in prayer and in action to work for justice. These deaths should not be in vain.

These events are extremely disturbing and must be addressed in a serious manner. We must join together united on a strong message of justice, fairness, gun safety and an end to systematic racism. In this time of difficulty, our hearts and prayers are extended to all of the families impacted by these tragedies. We pray to Allah Almighty to grant peace and calm.

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