

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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ISCJ STATEMENT ON TENNESSEE TRAGEDY

The Islamic Society of Central Jersey (ISCJ) expresses its condolences for all those in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The ISCJ strongly condemns the attack that took place. This senseless violence is totally unacceptable and against every value and tradition of all faiths. It is simply a tragic crime against humanity. We thank the law enforcement officials for capturing the perpetrator as soon as possible to bring him to justice. We also applaud and give thanks to law enforcement officials and first responders who heroically aided the surviving victims.

Our prayers continue to be with the victims and their loved ones. We must remain vigilant against all hate crimes.

This attack is particularly deplorable coming a day before Eid-ul-Fitr, the Festival of Breaking the Fast, which commemorates the end of Ramadan. We speak as Muslims, as Americans and as human beings who are committed to peace, democracy and justice for all children and people in the world.

We pray that Allah Almighty bestow peace and stability in all corners of the world. *"...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)

For more information about the about what other Muslim organizations and scholars are saying on these acts, Please visit:

<http://www.ing.org/2015/07/16/in-response-to-chattanooga-tennessee-attack-ing-and-affiliates-re-affirm-fundamental-values/>

On a larger national and international scale please note Muslim organizations working for peace (for example, Unity Production Foundation UPF). Please visit the UPF website to see their efforts to promote peace thru media: <http://upf.tv/>