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ISCJ Statement Regarding the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham (ISIS)

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South Brunswick, NJ (August 2014). The Islamic Society of Central Jersey (ISCJ) strongly condemns the extremist militant group Islamic State of Iraq and Sham (ISIS) for its attacks on Iraq's religious minorities and the destruction of their places of worship.

These acts are totally against every Islamic value and tradition. ISCJ completely denounces their actions and rejects their views and teachings. These are simply horrific crimes against humanity. We urge the U.S. government and other countries that can assist to stop further atrocities from happening. Our prayers are with the victims and their loved ones. We speak as Muslims, as Americans and as human beings who are committed to peace, democracy and justice for all people in the world.

Update: August 20 2014: ISCJ strongly condemns ISIS for their killing of American journalist James Foley. This gruesome act was in complete violation of Islamic teachings and principles!

Update: September 3 2014: ISCJ strongly condemns ISIS for their killing of American journalist Steven Sotloff. This gruesome act was in complete violation of Islamic teachings and principles!

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

<http://cair.com/press-center/press-releases/12622-cair-condemns-barbaric-killing-of-american-journalist-james-foley-by-terrorist-group-isis.html>

<http://www.isna.net/isna-denounces-isis-attacks-on-iraqs-religious-minorities.html>

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/07/25/worlds_muslim_leaders_condemn_attacks_on_iraqi_christians/1103410

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/news/middle-east/12567-prominent-scholars-declare-isis-caliphate-null-and-void>

<http://rt.com/news/190468-muslim-scholars-islamic-state/>

<http://lettertobaghdadi.com/index.php>

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/>