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ISCJ Statement Regarding the Paris Shooting

South Brunswick, NJ (January 2015). The Islamic Society of Central Jersey (ISCJ) strongly condemns the attack in Paris. This act is totally unacceptable and against every Islamic value and tradition. It is simply a horrific crime against humanity. We urge the French government and other countries that can assist to find these perpetrators as soon as possible and bring them to justice. 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 children and people in the world.

France's Muslim leaders have similarly condemned the attack as "barbaric." "This extremely grave barbaric action is also an attack against democracy and the freedom of the press," said the French Muslim Council (CFCM) in a statement.

We also applaud and give thanks to law enforcement officials and first responders who heroically aided the victims.

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 this crime, please visit:

<http://www.icna.org/icna-condemns-heinous-massacre-in-paris/#more-16713>

<http://www.isna.net/isna-condemns-paris-terror-attack.html>

<https://www.ing.org/community-statements/1384-in-response-paris-attack-ing-affiliates-affirm-fundamental-values>

<http://www.cair.com/press-center/press-releases/12797-american-muslims-condemn-paris-terror-attack-defend-free-speech.html>

What has been said in the past in response to cartoons depicting Prophet Muhammad, please visit:

<http://islam.about.com/od/currentissues/a/cartoon.htm>

On a larger national and international scale please note there are 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://www.upf.tv/outreach/>

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