

Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society's Statement on Boston Bombings

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Members of the U.S.-based Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society grieve with its fellow Americans over the tragic loss of innocent lives as a result of the Boston bombings and subsequent murder of an MIT police officer. As was the case with many American Muslims, we dreaded the thought that the perpetrators of these heinous crimes may be adherents of the Islamic faith, and as a result our religion once again would be tarnished with a negative image. Now, sadly, it indeed appears the suspects are from Muslim families of Chechen ethnicity.

Despite the provocation for the attacks being unknown at this time, this tragedy offers us motivation for continued vigilance in promoting the true, peaceful teachings of Islam throughout the world, so as to eradicate extremist ideologies and prevent the radicalization of the uninformed. The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society works tirelessly towards this goal, primarily through its international translation and publication projects. In particular, as part of this campaign, we shipped 70,000 copies of our Russian version of the translation and commentary of the Holy Quran by the respected scholar Maulana Muhammad Ali to Russia and contingent Central Asian regions for free distribution to the masses.

The literature published by the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society, primarily produced by Maulana Muhammad Ali, is recognized for its inspiring, spiritual lessons and its effective rebuttal of extremist ideologies. As the famous British Muslim Marmaduke Pickthal commented while reviewing Maulana Muhammad Ali's scholarly treatise *The Religion of Islam*:

“Such a book is greatly needed when in many Muslim countries we see persons eager for the revival of Islam, making mistakes through lack of just this knowledge.”

Likewise, the esteemed Sheikh Muhammad Sayyid Tantawy, the late Grand Imam of Al Azhar Al Shareef, Cairo, Egypt, endorsed the same book with a personal Foreword and quoted from it when explaining the spiritual concept of “jihad” in a widely circulated manuscript.

We continue to pray for the families of the deceased and the injured victims. We also hope that our efforts, and those of many other Muslims, will one day result in the religion of Islam never being associated with such senseless acts of violence.

*The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society is headquartered in Columbus, Ohio
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