

# Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society's Statement on Attack at Ohio State University

*Tragic events offer motivation for continued vigilance  
in promoting true, peaceful teachings of Islam*

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Members of the US based Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society (headquartered in Columbus, Ohio) grieve with their fellow Buckeyes over the senseless attack yesterday on the Ohio State University campus leaving 11 injured and an entire community in disbelief. Such incidents of violence have become much too common in recent times, and viewing them as the “new normal” is unacceptable. Although an investigation is ongoing and no formal conclusion has been reached as to the attacker’s motive, it appears perceived grievances concerning US foreign policy and misguided religious zeal were driving factors. The fact that an ideology claiming to represent authentic teachings of Islam may have contributed to the perpetuation of violence on innocents offers us motivation for continued vigilance in our mission. We work tirelessly to counter extremist interpretations of Islamic theology and establish the true, peaceful and spiritual basis of the Islamic faith throughout the world, primarily through our international publication projects, so as to prevent the radicalization of the ignorant and uninformed.

We pray for the victims of the attack, their families, and for the community at large. We also pray for the local Somali community, who are suffering from the shock of coming to know that the attacker was of Somali origin. Finally, we pray that our efforts, and those of many other Muslims, will one day result in the religion of Islam never again being associated with these unjustified acts of violence.

*The Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society is headquartered in Columbus, Ohio  
and is the U.S. branch of the international Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement.*

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