



Islamic Charity Projects Association

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ICPA Denounces Melbourne's Terror attack

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We start with the name of Allāh. Praise be to Him and may Allāh raise the rank of Prophet Muḥammad peace and blessings be upon him.

Prophet Muḥammad (Peace be upon him) said: "***Beware of ever engaging in Extremism. For, extremism is what destroyed nations before you***". Related by al-Bukhariyy.

The Islamic Charity Projects Association (ICPA) condemns the lone terrorist attack carried out on Friday the 9th of November 2018 in Melbourne, Victoria. Islam is clear from brainwashed extremists and from those behind them. Moderate and mainstream Muslims in Australia and across the world again reiterate that these individuals and their devilish acts cannot be branded as Islamic. Doing so will only help their evil cause and empowers their quest to make the 'ignorant' and 'out of touch' belief that Muslims or Islam is on the terrorist's side. The fact is that tens of thousands of Muslims and innocent individuals across the world over the years have been killed or displaced by acts of reprehensible terror.

Those who know about Islam or have Muslim friends know that Islam teaches compassion and mercy. It is a religion of justice and care. As Australian Muslims we urge all Australians to stand together to not only denounce this extremist's attack in Melbourne but to also understand that these individuals are deceitfully using the name of Islam and hiding behind it. As leaders we must work to prevent these acts of evil, immorality and transgression.

The ICPA asks Australian politicians not to alienate the Muslim community at times when tragedies hit, Muslims are generally known to be friendly peaceful and caring citizens within the Australian community. We ask those in positions of authority to make more ground and exert more effort to fight and eradicate extremism which has undermined the security and safety of all Australians without distinction. We solicit the collaboration of all mainstream moderate Muslims in the face of this global phenomenon against those who are supporting and furthering the cause of such acts.

Australian Muslims denounce these attacks and the ICPA calls all leaders to take immediate action to protect their communities from dangerous ideologies by reinforcing moderation and exercising diligence to prevent such attacks. We offer our condolences to the families, relatives and friends affected by this tragedy and wish the injured a speedy recovery.