

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MCC Condemns Targeted Terror Attacks at Istanbul Airport.

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**The Muslim Community Center (MCC)** of Silver Spring, Maryland, one of the oldest Muslim faith based organizations in the Washington, DC area, condemns the attacks which took place at Istanbul airport yesterday, killing at least 41 innocents and injuring 239 others. We stand in solidarity with our Turkish brothers and sisters who have had their Ramadan, a peaceful time for reflection and good, shattered by those who are in contradiction to Islam and peaceful Muslims. We extend our deepest condolences, sympathy and prayers to those who have lost loved ones.

These are the final days of Ramadan when Muslims worldwide pray more, read more, and do even more charitable acts. There are no words to express the horror Muslims worldwide feel at such a violation. As ISIS (Daesh) is the prime suspect of these attacks, mainstream Muslims worldwide reiterate that Daesh does not in any way represent the peaceful and spiritual nature of Islam. In fact, many victims of Daesh are countless Muslims.

We join the world community and the American Muslim community in strongly condemning and denouncing these atrocious actions committed by those who continue to seek and sow fear and hatred in the lives of ordinary people.

Once again, the MCC joins the majority of mainstream Muslims worldwide in affirming our complete rejection and strong condemnation of all acts of terrorism wherever they occur. No loss of innocent human lives is permissible. We here at MCC will continue to pray and work hard for peace and justice, and for the perpetrators of these attacks to be apprehended and brought to justice.

MCC's mission is to promote brotherhood and human dignity among all by developing an environment of understanding, compassion, and justice in our personal and professional lives. We strive to serve the needs of the Muslim community and community at large in a manner that promotes its positive image and standing in a changing environment. We aim to represent the Muslim community in interfaith circles, in government, public and media relations, and in the society at large.

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