

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

As Salamu alaykum, Peace be upon you



We start by making dua (prayer) for the martyrs of the massacre at the two mosques of New Zealand who were brutally shot and killed by a terrorist. We hope and pray that they are accepted by Allah The Most Kind and Most Merciful in his mercy for they were only there to observe His commandment and practice their religion. May Allah swt shower his mercy on the grieving families who lost their loved ones and grant them patience. May Allah swt protect all humanity from senseless killings.

At the IST, the leadership is concerned for the safety and security of the attendees and taking the following measures.

1. We have been engaged with the TPD and the FBI.
2. Police cars are patrolling and are stationed at strategic locations.
3. Aerial surveillance at times of Tulsa Muslims' gatherings at Islamic centers, mosques and schools.
4. Added more than normal number of security guards.
5. Interfaith organizations are coordinating to show support for Tulsa Muslims.

Carnage of the innocent Muslim worshippers is a painful reminder of the tragic consequences of bigotry and racism that has been normalized in public discourse, even by political leaders. It also reminds us of the fact that terrorism does not belong to any religion and no religion teaches hatred. IST is grateful for and appreciates all the support received from different religious organizations during this time of pain and grief.

Sincerely

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