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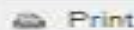


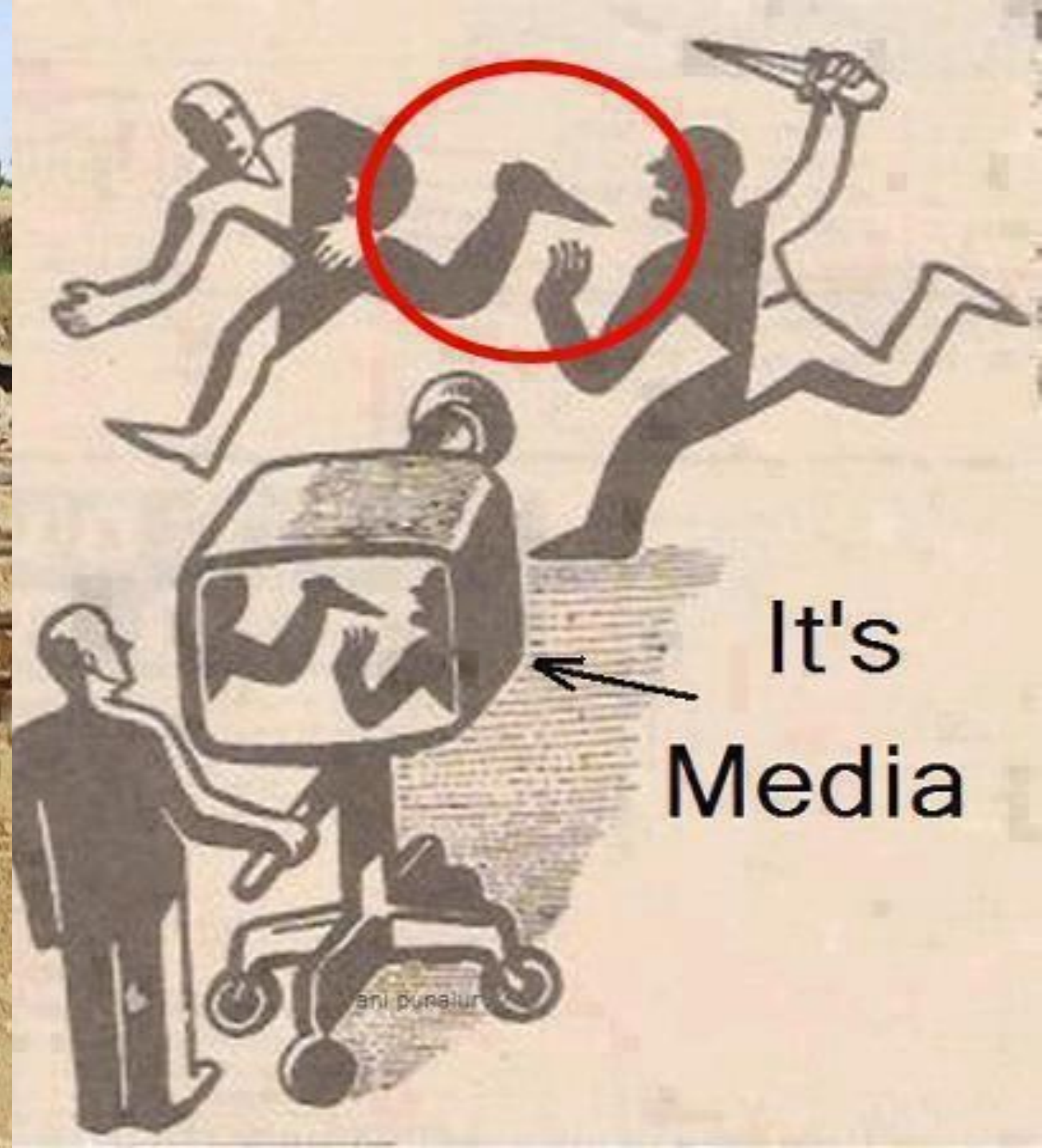


# Why are young Australians being drawn to Islamic State?

The causes and ways of combating the threat of radicalisation

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# Countering violent extremism

The Australian Government is working with communities to build resilience to violent extremism—that is, the use or support of violence to achieve ideological, religious or political goals.

In August 2014, the Australian Government announced a new Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Programme. The aim of the programme is to combat the threat posed by home-grown terrorism and to discourage or



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Gen Y jihadists: preventing radicalisation in Australia





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Warning that terrorists are "coming after us", Prime Minister Tony Abbott has said that, having



'Ideologies are not defeated with guns, they're defeated by better ideas, a more attractive and compelling vision,' Obama said.

**'We will constantly reaffirm with words and with deeds that we will never be at war with Islam. We are fighting terrorists who distort Islam,' Obama said, 'and whose victims are mostly Muslims.'**

**The U.S. is relying on Muslim communities around the world to push back against ISIS forcefully though and teach young people the true teachings of Islam.**

**Ahmadiyya  
Muslim  
Community  
Australia**

# We are Muslims who believe in the Messiah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian



Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian  
(1835-1908)

- Founder of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
- Ushered in an era of Islamic renaissance
- Mission was to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace
- Penned over 80 books and tens of thousands of letters in defense of the true teachings of Islam

## Denouncing Violent Jihad – 1900

*"[T]he prevalent tradition among the Muslims of attacking people of other religions, which they call 'jihad', is not the jihad of Divine religious law [i.e., the Shariah]. Rather, it is a grievous sin and a violation of the clear instructions from God and His Prophet, Muhammad."*

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad  
"The British Government and Jihad"  
May 22, 1900

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

- Established:** 1889 in Qadian, India
- Membership:** Tens of millions worldwide
- World Center:** London, United Kingdom



Fazl Mosque - 1924



Baitul Futuh - 2003

- Global Leader:** 5<sup>th</sup> Khalifa,  
His Holiness  
Mirza Masroor  
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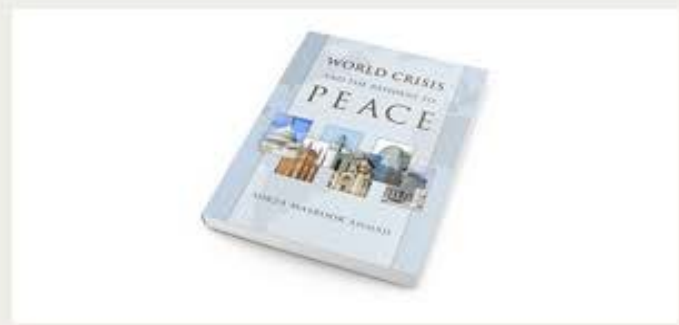


- Communications:** 24/7 international  
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**NOT A SINGLE  
AHMADI HAS  
EVER BEEN  
RADICALIZED**



# About His Holiness

His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad (Mir-za Mas-roor Ah-mad), is the fifth Khalifa (Caliph) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Elected to this lifelong position on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2003, he serves as the worldwide spiritual and administrative head of an international religious organisation with membership exceeding 10's of millions

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## Various caliphates declared after 1900 [edit]

Since the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, there has been no single recognized, "ecumenical" caliphate.

### Sharifian Caliphate (1924) [edit]

*Main article: Sharifian Caliphate*

A last attempt at restoring the caliphal office and style with ecumenical recognition was made by [Hussein bin Ali, King of Hejaz and Sharif of Mecca](#), who assumed both on 11 March 1924 and held them until 3 October 1924, when he passed the kingship to his son [`Ali ibn al-Husayn al-Hashimi](#), who did not adopt the caliphal office and style.<sup>[19]</sup> Hussein's claim for caliphate was not accepted however, and in 1925 he was driven from Hejaz by the forces of [Ibn Saud](#) due to his lack of support for Shari'ah. He continued to use the title of caliph during his remaining life in exile, until his death in 1931.

### Ahmadiyya Muslim Caliphate (1908–present) [edit]

*Main article: Khalifatul Masih § List of Ahmadiyya Caliphs*



Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Flag.

**Khalifatul Masīh** (Arabic: خليفة المسيح; Urdu: خلیفہ المسیح; English: Successor of the Messiah) or Khalifa of Islam (Caliph of Islam)<sup>[20]</sup> sometimes simply referred to as *Khalifah* (i.e. Caliph, successor) is the elected spiritual and organizational leader of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and is the successor of [Mirza Ghulam Ahmad](#) of [Qadian](#) (d.1908) who had claimed to be the [Mahdi](#) and messiah in Islam. The Caliph is believed to be divinely guided and is also referred to by members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community as [Amir al-Mu'minin](#) (Leader of the Faithful). The fifth and current Khalifatul Masih is [Mirza Masroor Ahmad](#).

After the death of Ghulam Ahmad, his successors directed the Ahmadiyya Community from [Qadian](#) which remained the headquarters of the community until 1947 with the creation of [Pakistan](#). From this time on the headquarters remained in [Rabwah](#), a town built on land bought in Pakistan by the community in 1948. In 1984, [Ordinance XX](#) was promulgated by the government of Pakistan which rendered the Khalifatul Masih unable to perform his duties and put the very institution in jeopardy. Due to these circumstances, [Khalifatul Masih IV](#) left Pakistan and migrated to [London, England](#), provisionally moving the headquarters to the [Fazl Mosque](#).<sup>[21]</sup>

### ISIL claim (2014–present) [edit]

*Further information: Worldwide Caliphate*

On 29 June 2014, the [Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant](#) (ISIL) started to call itself "Islamic State" and call its leader [Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi](#) "caliph Ibrahim".<sup>[23]</sup> <sup>[24]</sup> The validity of this caliphate has not been recognized by any Islamic authority outside of the 10-million-people territory<sup>[25]</sup> under control of Islamic State.<sup>[26]</sup>

On 24 August 2014, the leader of [Boko Haram](#) in [Nigeria](#), [Abubakar Shekau](#), likewise declared a caliphate. Apparently, it remained unclear whether Shekau declared his group to be part of ISIL or if he was declaring a separate caliphate in Nigeria.<sup>[27]</sup> On 7 March 2015, Shekau pledged allegiance to ISIL via an audio message posted on the organisation's Twitter account.<sup>[28]</sup> <sup>[29]</sup> Afterwards, Boko Haram assumed the name "Wilāyat al Sūdān al Gharbī" (Arabic: ولاية السودان الغربي, "West Africa Province") or "Islamic State in West Africa" (Iswap).<sup>[30]</sup>



The Ottoman Empire in 1914, including nominal and vassal territories.



Map with the kingdom in green and the current region in red.



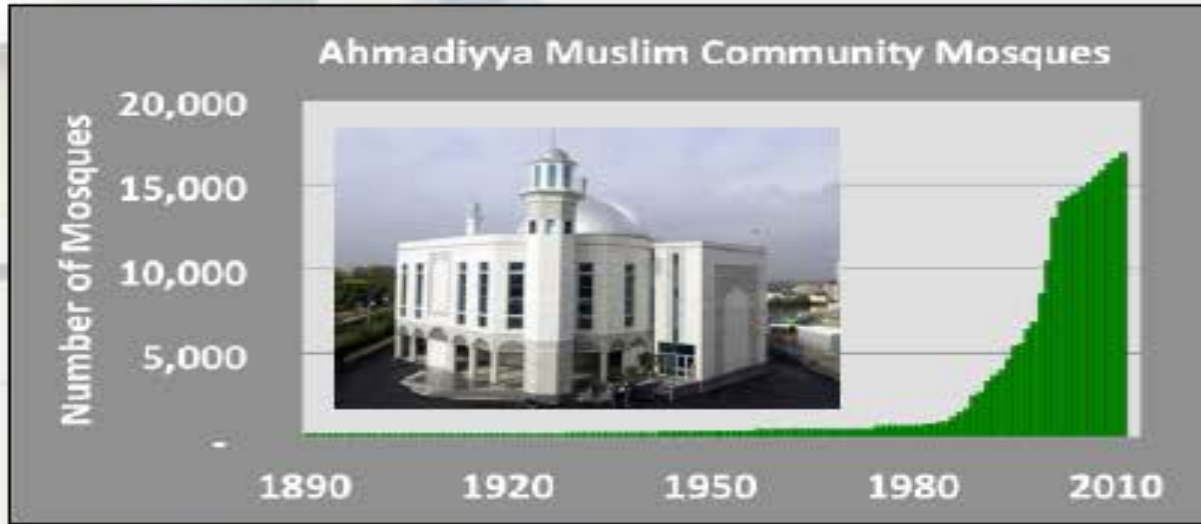


**Khilafat is not a  
political leadership  
but a spiritual  
leadership.**

# We are a rapidly growing global community

Over 15,000 mosques inaugurated

Established in over 200 countries



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Ahmediyya Muslim Community has inaugurated over 15,000 mosques, 500 schools, and 30 hospitals

Ahmediyya Muslim Community has translated the Holy Qur'an into 114 languages



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MUSLIM COMMUNITY



**There should be  
no compulsion  
in religion.....**

**Ch 2: V. 257**

**Whoever kills a person, it  
is as if he killed all  
mankind. And whosoever  
shall give life to a person,  
it will be as if he had  
given life to all mankind**

**Ch.5: v. 33**

**Stop Hindus  
Torture in  
Pakistan**

**Stop Killing  
Hindus  
In Pakistan**

**We  
Want  
Justice**



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AGAINST CHRISTIANS  
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CHRISTIAN

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ARE  
FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR FAMILIES  
AND  
CONVERT TO ISLAM**

**Because the Law says Muslims are better than Christians**



**Who is a  
“jihadist”?**

Jihad  
by  
Sword



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Aggressive “jihad by the sword” has no place in Islam

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM YOUTH ASSOCIATION



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**“Every act of goodness is charity”**

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

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**Ahmadiyya members and youth are busy in  
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**How can they have a twisted mentality!**



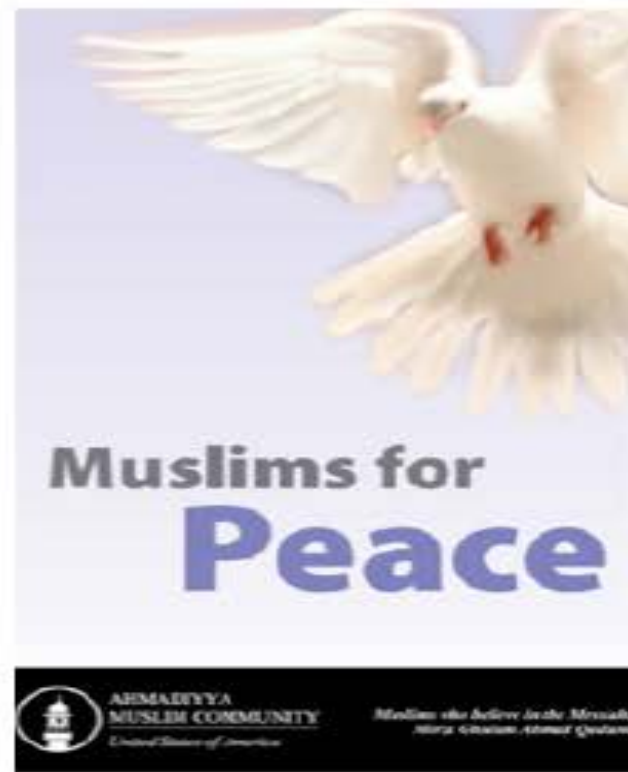
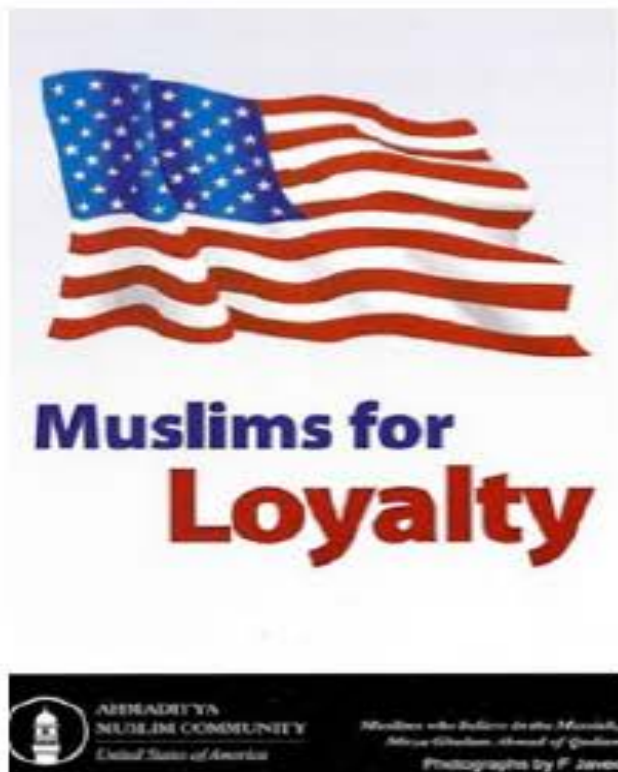
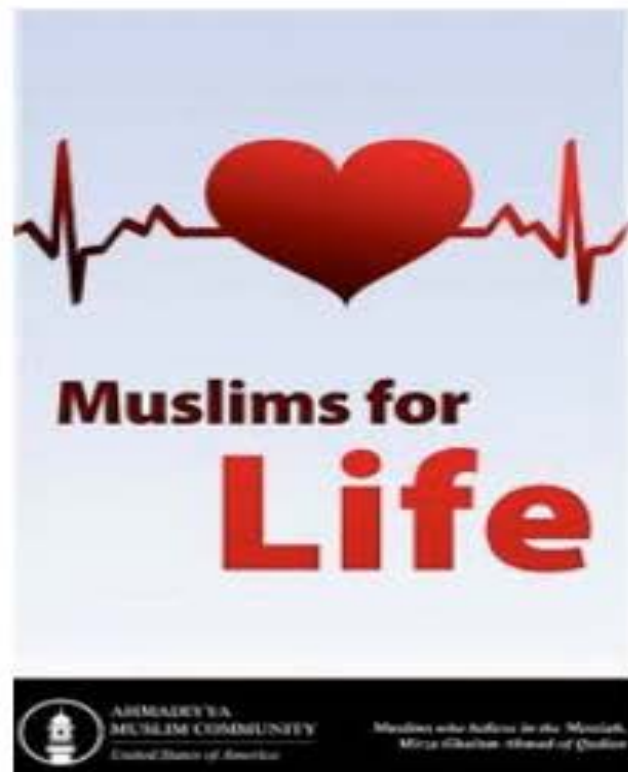
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# We are Muslims who engage our communities



Our members **actively counter extremism in the Muslim world** and advocate interfaith dialogue and non-violence.







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### Role of Man





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# We are Muslims who engage our lawmakers



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*"I want to thank you for commitment to peace, tolerance and justice. You have united the House and Senate. We should have you here more often."* U.S. Senator Robert Casey (D - PA)





# We are Muslims who warn against war



THE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES  
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9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM  
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, 2012



ISLAMIC SOLUTION  
TO ACHIEVE WORLD PEACE

GLOBAL PEACE LUNCH  
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# We are Muslims who advocate for peace globally



ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES  
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THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT  
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, 2008



ISLAM'S TEACHINGS OF LOYALTY  
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MILITARY HEADQUARTERS  
KOBLENZ, GERMANY, 2012



# We are Muslims who advocate for global unity



**THE KEY TO PEACE:  
GLOBAL UNITY**

**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, 2012**



**His Holiness with Martin Schulz MEP,  
President of the EU Parliament**

*"[The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community] is a prosperous, courageous and determined community. Its slogan 'Love for all, hatred for none', is the welcome antithesis of the hatred and violence."*

**Dr. Charles Tannock,  
Conservative MEP**



# We are Muslims who promote peace through dialogue



**BELIEF**  
**The most loved and hated Muslims**

The leader of the Muslim sect called the Ahmadis recently made a rare visit to Washington and drew some serious star power at a reception held in his honor. But his group faces deadly violence at the hands of Muslim groups in other parts of the world.

**“Islamic sect has appealing message for U.S. politicians but has global enemies”**



Key to the City of Los Angeles presented to His Holiness from the City Council of Los Angeles

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.**

**“Clamoring for the Khalifa”**

**The Washington Post**

**“Ahmadiyya Muslims get warm welcome in Congress”**

**Los Angeles Times**

**“Global Voices: Ahmadis' mission of peace in an age of terror”**

**WORLD CRISIS**  
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**PATHWAY TO PEACE**



MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD

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*United States of America*



PEACE  
LOVE FOR ALL  
HATRED FOR NONE



# We are Muslims who promote interfaith harmony



**MARCH 14, 2013 - LONDON, UK –** The Khalifa of Islam, His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, global leader of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, extended his prayers, best wishes and congratulations to the incoming Bishop of Rome and the leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis.

**“I would like to offer congratulations to Pope Francis and to Catholics across the world. May the appointment of the new Pope prove to be blessed not just for Christians but for all people across the globe.”**

*His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad*



"Yes! People of the Book!  
Come to a word that is common between us and you"  
INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM  
**FASTING IN MY RELIGION**  
"To us who believe!  
Fasting is Prescribed for you, as it was Prescribed for those before you"











**Another point of discussion:**

**Are Muslim Leaders  
Failing Muslims OR Is the  
Muslim Leadership  
Failed?**

**(Research idea?):**

Unlike the ISIS leader, the Ahmadiyya Khalifa exemplifies leadership by emulating the compassionate and pluralistic example of Prophet Muhammad. His Holiness invests heavily in education for girls and oversees nearly 600 secular educational institutions worldwide, strategically located in places where otherwise no schools exist. The institution of Khilafat (that is, the spiritual leadership) leading the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community stands in stark contrast to the evil and brutal so-called Khilafat that leads the terrorist group known as ISIS or IS.

## EXCLUSIVE: 'Shun fanatics who radicalise children' demands leader of millions of Muslims

A LEADING Muslim has said that families who radicalise their children should be shunned by the community.

By **JAMES MURRAY**

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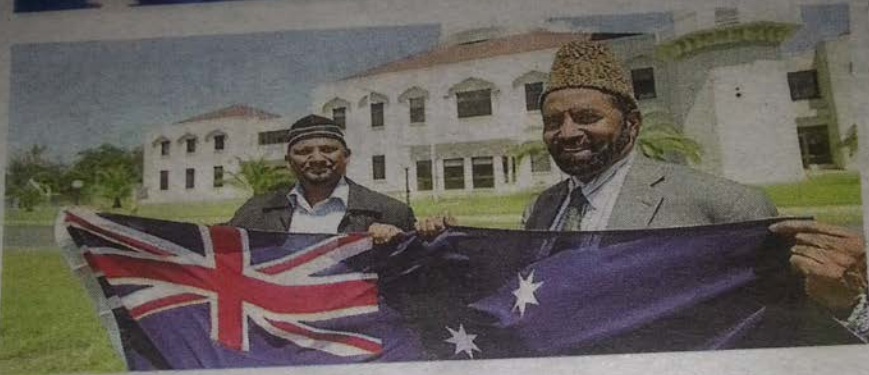
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MOSQUE'S APPEAL FOR PEACE: His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad



## Mosque to say thanks

By Niki Burnside

A BLACKTOWN mosque invites the wider community to celebrate Australia Day with them in a celebration to be held on Sunday, January 25, 5pm-7pm.

The mosque's national external affairs director, Mirza Ramzan Sharif, said that after the Martin Place siege and the Charlie Hebdo killings, the celebrations came at a time when they were most needed for those of the Islamic faith.

The theme of the day will be Thank You Australia.

"And we want our people to understand that it is not about what Australia has given me but what we have given Australia," Mr Sharif said.

He said it was frustrating for Muslims to see others commit acts of violence in the name of Islam.

"These events have nothing to do with Islam, these global events and atrocities that we see," he said.

"We want to promote and instil in the minds of the audience and the children the saying of the holy Prophet: 'Love of your country is part of one's faith.'

"Not a single person with this twisted, brainwashed mentality comes from our community."

Organisers are anticipating more than 1000 people for the celebrations, including members of the mosque community, dignitaries from the three tiers of government and others from the broader community.

Muslim leaders will use the event to send a positive message of peace, with guest speakers and an afternoon tea part of the itinerary.

"We'll have formal speeches, a lot of interaction between the broader community and our community . . . we will bring the community together basically, like we do every year," he said.

"All members of the public are welcome."

Baitul Huda Mosque is at 45 Hollinsworth Road, Marsden Park.

A guided tour of the mosque, guest speeches and refreshments will be included.

Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to ramzansharif@gmail.com.

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By Kevin Ng

A WORLD-CENTREPIECE at The Etta

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# Friends to all

"Love for all, hatred for none": The imam of Marsden Park mosque, Mahmood Ahmad, left, with Australia Day organiser, Mirza Sharif. Pictures: Natasha Paes



By Roderick Shaw

MUSLIMS will celebrate Australia Day with a special service and invitations to Marsden Park's Baitul Huda Mosque - which means House of Guidance.

The program's co-ordinator, Mirza Sharif, said Muslims would celebrate their Australian identity while simultaneously reaching out to the broader community.

"Islam teaches us to have a love of our nation," Mr Sharif said.

"Islam teaches us we should reach out to every individual in

the nation. As residents of Australia, we want to instil that in our children."

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community is hosting the Australia Day celebration.

The Ahmadiyya movement teaches that no religion has a monopoly of truth and that no one religion offers spiritual salvation.

"We like to say, 'Love for all, hatred for none'," Mr Sharif said.

The Baitul Huda imam, Mahmood Ahmad, said worshippers would also pray for Australia's well-being.

"We find Australia to be a good country with fairly tolerant people," Mr Ahmad said.

"If some individuals do bad things, we cannot blame everybody and no one should condemn all Australians."

He said Islam had no place for terrorism and should not be judged because of a few extremist individuals.

Mr Sharif said anti-Muslim feelings in Australia were not as strong as in some other countries.

He feels there is a growing understanding of Islam and improving

relations between communities. "We've had inter-faith meetings and visitors' excursions here," Mr Sharif said.

"Some Catholic school students visited the mosque one day and left, knowing more about Islam than when they came in.

"We've also had humanitarian programs for the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and organised blood donations."

The Baitul Huda Mosque Australia Day program starts at 2pm on January 26, at 20 Hollinsworth Road, Marsden Park.

GRANVILLE

# Opening doors to positive views of Islam



Ejaz Ahmad Rana, left, and Mirza Sharif at their mosque.

A free Koran exhibition in Granville this weekend aims to dispel myths and misconceptions about Islam.

The exhibition run by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association will feature the holy book translated into more than 75 languages and the chance for visitors to ask questions and discuss any issues.

The association spokesman Mirza Sharif said the

idea was to "express the true teachings of the holy Koran".

Mr Sharif said the association wanted to counter the extreme views being used by terrorist groups by highlighting the "beautiful and peaceful" teachings of the Koran.

"Religion should not be an excuse for any criminal activity happening around the world," he said.

Mr Sharif said terms from

the Koran such as "jihad" were commonly known, but misunderstood.

"The real meaning is one who strives for the goodness of other people, that's jihad," he said.

"We thought this would be a good initiative to counter these things," he said of misconceptions about Islam.

The text of the Koran has remained unchanged for 1400 years and all the millions of copies circulating

the world are identical down to a single letter.

Another peaceful message from the Koran is a verse that says "there's no compulsion in religion," Mr Sharif said.

"Basically that verse means that everyone has a right to follow their own beliefs."

The Holy Koran exhibition is on at Granville Town Hall on Saturday from 9.30am to 2.30pm.





## Parliament 'eye-opener' for Muslims

By Katrina Vo

MORE than 40 young members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Australia visited Parliament House in Canberra last Tuesday (June 16).

The Ahmadiyya Muslim youth were invited by opposition citizenship and immigration spokeswoman Greenway MP Michelle Rowland.

Members of the group came from across the country to represent their community in Federal Parliament, including members from the Masjid Bait-ul-huda mosque in Marsden Park.

The national president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Australia, Imam Inam-ul-Haq Kauser, said it was a great privilege to receive the invitation from Ms Rowland.

"Indeed it's a historic event for us and we are taking our youth to show them their national Parliament and to make them understand the democratic process at the national level," he said.

"This unique opportunity will bring our youth closer to the national policy making process and meet their national political leaders in the House of Representatives and in the Senate."

Ms Rowland formally acknowledged and welcomed the delegates to Parliament and read out a statement about the association.

Waqas Ahmed, national youth president of the association,



**Memorable experience:** Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (AMA) Australia from Marsden Park were invited to Federal Parliament. (l-r) AMA national secretary Mirza Ramzan Sharif, AMA vice-president Nasir Ahmed Kahloon and Greenway MP Michelle Rowland.

said the visit was an eye-opener.

"The biggest gain for the group was getting an understanding of the Parliament House and the process," he said.

"It's not the people inside the Parliament, it's the people who shape it from the outside."

Mr Ahmed said Australian laws allows Muslims to practise cul-

tural traditions that may be illegal in other countries — such as women to wear the hijab in public.

"Community members and the public play a big role in the nation and the visit was insightful for our group."

"It made our youth grateful and showed them the freedom and

rights people are entitled to in this great country."

The group had a guided tour of Parliament and a round table discussion with MPs and Senators.

"As Muslims we demonstrate we are loyal to Australia by attending these sessions, and understand anything is up for discussion," Mr Ahmed said.







BLACKTOWN

# Engaged in politics

## GROUP VISITS PARLIAMENT

Jessica Oxford

THE Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Australia had the chance to learn up close about Australian democracy after Greenway federal Labor MP Michelle Rowland invited the group to Parliament House last week.

Youth president and Blacktown resident Waqas Ahmed hailed the June 16 event as a successful roundtable discussion between Islamic youth and federal MPs, including Ms Rowland and Phillip Ruddock.

"It was the first time that we as a youth group had travelled to Canberra so it was a great experience," Mr Ahmed said.

"We as Ahmadiyya Muslims are persecuted in many countries so to be part of a group conversation is absolutely wonderful.

"Coming to Parliament, the youth can see what the Australian tradition is all about and may even inspire them to become public servants.

"It's a great insight into



The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Australia at Parliament House with Michelle Rowland.

### FOOTBALL FUN

Aside from getting involved with local charities, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association keeps young members active with football matches and other sporting activities.

the place and decisions that affect the lives of everyday Australians."

The group, based in Marsden Park, serves an active role in the Blacktown

community. Each year, they roll up their sleeves and pitch in for Clean Up Australia Day and recently raised \$9000 for the Australian Red Cross.

"We pray for Australia every Australia Day because it gives us the opportunity to live our lives freely," Mr Ahmed said.

"We teach them to give back - that's the true Islam.

"It's to make sure they appreciate where they are and keep them engaged with

the community."

Mr Ahmed said the association focused on getting young people involved in the community to teach them the true meaning of Islam and to fight the radicalisation of Australian Islamic teenagers.

"If we reform youth, we reform society," he said. "Islam is a peaceful religion; how can a religion that means peace be violent?"

"That's what we help our youth understand."





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## Mosque leaders condemn fatal siege

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LEADERS from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association's mosque in Langwarrin "categorically and unequivocally" condemned the Sydney siege that led to the deaths of two hostages held at gunpoint in a cafe by Man Haron Monis.

Monis, who forced hostages to hold up a flag proclaiming "There is no god but Allah and Mohammad is his messenger" was shot dead after police stormed the Lindt Cafe early Tuesday morning.

In Sydney for a conference during Monday's siege in Martin Place, Ahmadiyya spokesman Aziz Bhatti said Islam "categorically rejects all kinds of violence and killings of innocent people".

In the wake of the siege police from Carrum Downs offered protection against "any negative behaviour or attitudes" to members of the Bait-ul-Salam (House of Peace) mosque in Langwarrin.

The police emailed the mosque they "wanted to ensure that if you experience or become aware of any negative behaviour or attitudes towards the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association or anyone connected to the association, that you alert us to this, as it will not be tolerated and we would like to deal with it as quickly as possible".

Mr Bhatti said no members of the congregation had reported being subjected to any negative behaviour as a result of the siege.

"The association categorically and unequivocally condemns the terror



Showing respect: Ahmadi Muslim youths wearing 'Muslims For Peace' t-shirts) at Martin Place, Sydney, scene of a coffee shop siege that left two hostages dead.

siege in Sydney's Martin Place," Mr Bhatti said.

"Islam categorically rejects all kinds of violence and killings of innocent people and it teaches love of the country. Australia is our home and we will do anything and everything to protect our beautiful country.

"This is the pledge we take in our mosques that we will serve our nation to the best of our abilities and will not be hesitant to offer any sacrifice to protect our homeland, Australia."

In an official press release Ahmadi-

yya community said it "fully support the law enforcement authorities".

Fifty Ahmadi Muslim youths wearing 'Muslims for peace' t-shirts showed their respect for the siege victims where flowers were being placed in Martin Place and flags were lowered one of Sydney's largest Ahmadiyya mosques, Bait-ul-Huda (House of Guidance).

"This city [Sydney] has been shaken by a tragedy. I'm shocked and strongly reject any atrocity on the lives of the innocent. Such actions are criminal

and totally contrary to the teachings of Islam. We are grieved that such an attack is done in the name of Islam. Seeking," the community's national president Imam Kausar said.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent people involved and also with the families who saw this incredibly distressing situation unfold, along with the rest of Australia.

"From the depths of our hearts, we pray for the families of the two deceased hostages, the wounded and the other hostages."

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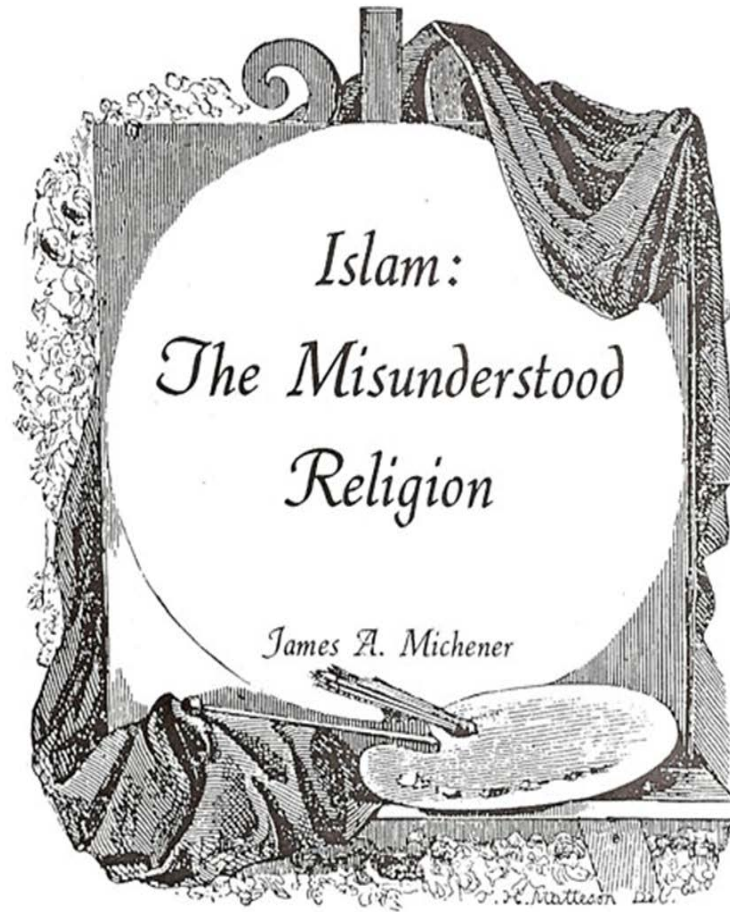
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# slam 'a religion of peace'

In the aftermath of the targeted raids in 12 Sydney suburbs on September 18, **Andrew Brown** spoke to **Mirza Sharif**, from the Marsden Park mosque and external affairs national secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association Australia, about the raids and the reaction from the local Islamic community.

**What was your reaction to the raids last week?**  
Australia has the right to uphold its judicial process and if the raids were necessary to keep its citizens safe, then the raids are fully justified. According to the number of Australians joining Islamic State (IS), this raid seems to be a necessary step against the acts of violence and humanity at large.  
It is only logical for the authorities to act now with a determined effort. In fact, more raids are welcome, if required.

**Have you had any response from the community about it?**  
Our peaceful Ahmadiyya community, who beholds their motto Love for All Hatred for None, is very concerned because the flames of what has been seen [just] as news clips are now reaching our shores.  
I expect more response from the greater community as front pages are filled with the "terror news".

**After the incident concerning Numan Haider in Victoria, one of the papers asked: 'How many more like him?' Hence, I do expect more responses from the greater community.**

**How can young Muslims in the area be stopped from potentially taking up the call of IS?**

This is a bigger problem and definitely requires serious community effort. The Ahmadiyya Muslim community believes that it may not be enough just to "reject the fatwa" but also instill in the minds of our youth the true definition of jihad.  
Each and every young Ahmadi Muslim, whether in Australia or any corner of the globe, understands very well the Islamic prophecy by our founder Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad that the present age requires "jihad by pen": that is, through literature and other media.  
History tells us that swords may win territories but not the hearts of people.



History tells us that swords may win territories but not the hearts of people.  
— Mirza Sharif

Picture: Gary Warrick

**Are you surprised that terror suspects are from the local community?**

Yes, this does surprise me because I can claim (and claim proudly) that not even a single suspect has ever been from the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, whether globally or in Australia. The truth is that despite our claims, it is evident there are people in the local community who are capable of such extreme acts.

**Is there an aim among the Islamic community to stop people associating with those involved in terror attacks or IS?**  
It is well understood that the majority of the Muslims thwart these terrorists and would not want their children becoming one. However, the Islamic community must ask with one voice if they are doing enough to stop those elements of the community who

radicalise themselves. I especially tears fall from my eyes when I see the heading in the name of Allah, how can one find heaven by murdering in the name of Allah?

**Is it difficult to tell the wider community the men arrested as part of the terror raids do not represent Islam?**

It is not difficult at all since anyone who understands Australian law knows very well that those arrested will be put through the judicial process. The Ahmadiyya Muslim community also thanks the Australian media for being quite clear in this instance that this extremism is not linked with Islamic doctrines and ideology.

**Do you believe there is a threat of "Islamophobia" occurring on a wider scale?**

"Islamophobia" is quite ironic as the word Islam means peace and submission to the will of Allah. The Koran teaches us "jihad" with the inner self for self-purification and serving humanity. Any Australian youth who is inclined towards extremism must be (strongly) re-educated with the Koranic teaching such as "Killing an individual is like killing the entire nation" and "There is no compulsion in religion" and the saying of the Holy Prophet "Love of the country (of residence) is part of faith".  
The Ahmadiyya Muslim community remains confident that such steps may be small but positive steps forward.

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## Ahmadiyya Muslims back Australian drive against jihadist radicalisation

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Mirza Ramzan Sharif is the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association's external affairs secretary. Picture: Jane Dempster Source: News Corp Australia

AUSTRALIA'S Islamic community "must ask with one voice if it is doing enough to stop those elements of the community who radicalise" young Muslims, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association urged yesterday.



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