



18th of December 2014

Unified Friday Khutbah after the recent Tragic Event at Martin Place.

Dear Imams and Community Leaders,

Assalamu Alaikom Wa Rahmatu Allahe Wa Barakatu,

We urge you to address in your Khutbah this Friday the recent tragic event at Martin Place.

The following are Suggested Talking Points for Friday's Sermon 19/12/14 – Post-Sydney Siege

1. In times of difficulty Muslims should always turn to Allah (swt) for refuge. Increasing one's faith has an amazing ability to provide the resilience needed to cope with all of life's challenges.
2. The Prophet (s) recommended the exercise of patience and endurance in the face of trials and hardships.
3. Islam and the Prophet represent the mercy of Allah to the world.
4. The sanctity of human life is guaranteed in Islam. We mourn the loss of all innocent lives.
5. Islam gives great importance to the safety and security of individuals and nations.
6. There is no conflict between one's love for Islam and one's love for country.
7. Islam promotes playing a positive role in the construction of civilization and the cultivation of noble values.
8. Muslims must uphold truth and justice regardless of the identity of the perpetrators.
9. The Islamic obligation of Muslims is to fulfil their covenants and safeguard peaceful relationships with others.
10. The Noble Quran encourages cooperation between Muslims and Non-Muslims on what is of benefit to the society. Q5:2
11. Islam stresses the importance of upholding the Islamic values of peace, harmony and good conduct.
12. The role of the youth is to ensure the continuation of the legacy of the Prophet (s) in establishing the noble ethics and teachings of Islam.
13. The importance of education in the life of the youth is critical to their success in all areas of life.

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