

MWL STATEMENT: The Tragic Death of Imam Hassan Sharif

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The Muslim World League was saddened and shocked to learn of the death of Imam Hassan Sharif of the Masjid-Muhammad-Newark Mosque on Wednesday. His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, Secretary General of the MWL, extends his deepest sympathies to the family of Imam Sharif and to all who have been impacted by his tragic murder.

Targeted violence against any individual for their religious, cultural, or ethnic background is entirely unacceptable and is an egregious crime. While a motivation for this killing has not been established, the recent rise in targeted hate crimes against Muslim and Jewish people across the United States undermines and erodes the common threads that unite us all as one people. They work only to undo the great strides that we have made to reduce racism, bigotry, religious intolerance, and prejudice.

The Muslim World League is committed to fostering global peace and justice by promoting interfaith dialogue, cultural understanding, and the advancement of human rights. We call on leaders of all faiths to join our work to reduce racism, bigotry, religious intolerance, and prejudice. Working together with people of faith can build bridges of harmony and equality, fostering a world where diverse communities can coexist in mutual respect and cooperation.