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In the Name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Dispenser of Grace

CMRM Condemns the Murder of Imam Muhsin Hendricks

The Claremont Main Road Masjid (CMRM) is deeply saddened and outraged by the brutal murder of Muhsin Hendricks, leader of the Al-Ghurbaah Foundation in Wynberg, Cape Town.

We unequivocally condemn this tragic, cowardly, and merciless targeted assassination of this Muslim leader within the LGBTQI+ community. We are profoundly shocked and deeply disturbed by this extreme act of violence. At the heart of our faith is the absolute sanctity, reverence and sacredness of human life. Islam teaches that the unjust killing of a single soul is akin to killing all of humanity (Qur'an 5:32).

No theological dispute, no matter how profound, and no jurisprudential difference, no matter how contested, can ever justify murder. Extrajudicial killings violate every ethical, moral, and spiritual principle we uphold.

We call upon the South African Police Services (SAPS) to act swiftly in bringing the perpetrator/s to justice for this extrajudicial assassination and to establish the facts relating to the killing of a queer Muslim leader, human rights activist, and someone who upheld the dignity of all people.

Acts of hate, wanton violence and criminality have no place in our communities and our faith tradition. We urge our community to remain steadfast and uphold peace and mutual respect in these distressing and difficult times. Dialogue, respect, understanding, and a commitment to justice is the hallmark of our faith, and our approach to resolving differences.

To his family, loved ones, and all within the community and beyond mourning his passing, and are fearful now, we extend our heartfelt embrace and condolences. May Allah, the Lord of Mercy and Compassion, receive his soul with Divine Mercy and Grace.



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