



Press Release

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The Horrific incident at Fort Hood

The Islamic Center of Southern California expresses its deepest shock and grief in the wake of the news about the horrific incident at Fort Hood.

We, along with all other Americans, echo the sentiments of the President as we see our soldiers shot here at home by one of their own men.

As the details of the incident unfold, and as we know that the suspect is alive, we hope that the investigation will get to the bottom of this case. Until then, we should not jump to conclusions, but rather ask anyone who may help the investigation to come forward and notify the authorities.

Indeed, at this time of great sadness we need to unite together and not cast dispersion amongst each other. This is the time to come together and stand in one line; leaving no gaps for hate, prejudice, or irresponsible statements and behaviors that may result in a backlash that could hurt even more innocent Americans.

We express our gratitude to the Mayor of Los Angeles and the Sheriff and the Police Department for their prompt and reassuring presence at the Islamic Center and for the extra security measures they implemented.

We offer our deepest and sincerest condolences to the families of the victims and pray for a speedy recovery of the wounded.