



Dr Mehdi Ali Qamar, Prominent Canadian Cardiologist and Humanitarian worker target killed in Pakistan



The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada is saddened to announce the tragic passing of Canadian physician and international humanitarian, Martyr Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar. Dr Qamar was a cardiologist, currently practicing in Columbus, Ohio. Dr Qamar had traveled to Rabwah, Pakistan late last week to provide philanthropic services at Tahir Heart Institute.

On May 26, 2014 a short time after Fajr Prayer, Dr Qamar along with some family member visited *Bahishti Maqbara* (The Heavenly Graveyard) where he was brutally gunned down by two men on motorbikes in a targeted attack. Dr Qamar was pronounced dead at the scene.

"The brutal and senseless murder of Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar, a Canadian-American physician on a humanitarian mission is not only a huge loss to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in Canada & USA, but also to the people of Pakistan. Innocent, law-abiding Ahmadis in Pakistan continue to be murdered, imprisoned and denied the right to worship. They are regularly killed in attacks provoked because of their faith. We hope and pray that a full investigation is carried out and that those involved in this murder are brought swiftly to justice in accordance with the law."

- Lal Khan Malik, National President Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited Messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^(as) (1835-1908) of Qadian. Ahmad^(as). Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the leading Islamic organization to categorically reject terrorism in any form. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community continues to spread Ahmad's^(as) teachings of moderation and restraint in the face of bitter opposition from parts of the Muslim world. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the foremost Islamic organization with a central spiritual leader. It's fifth and current spiritual head, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, resides in the United Kingdom.

Dr Qamar is being flown back for burial in Canada. Dr Qamar is survived by his wife and three young children.

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