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PRESS RELEASE

STATEMENT:

HADHRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD OF QADIAN IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH AND MAHDI AS PROPHESED BY THE HOLY PROPHET OF ISLAM

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMA'AT RESPONDS TO FALSE CLAIMS MADE IN 'THE JAKARTA POST'

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at (AMJ) has responded to an article printed in '*The Jakarta Post*¹' which made a number of false claims about the Community. The article which was printed under the headline '**Govt spares Ahmadiyah with no ban**' stated that the Indonesian Government had chosen not to ban the Ahmadiyya Jama'at due to an apparent reversal, by the Ahmadiyya Jama'at, regarding the status of its Founder, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian.

Speaking about the article and clarifying the position of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at, the central Press Secretary, Abid Khan said:

"On behalf of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at I would like to state that we are very disappointed by the aforementioned article printed in The Jakarta Post. This article suggested that our Community had, God forbid, changed its position regarding the status of Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian.

To clarify, it is an inherent part of our faith and belief that Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian is the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (Guided One). Every true Ahmadi Muslim shares the same belief that the Founder of the Community is the same Messiah and Mahdi whose advent was foretold by the Holy Prophet of Islam.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) was the final law bearing Prophet and he brought a complete and perfect teaching. Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was the true Promised Messiah and Mahdi, who came to rejuvenate the message of Islam and therefore we most certainly recognise and accept him as a true Prophet of God Almighty.

It is hoped that The Jakarta Post recognises and rectifies the mistakes it made in the aforementioned article."

Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association has prospered throughout the world expounding and practising its motto '**Love for All, Hatred for None**'.

Further Information regarding the AMJ can be found at Alislam.org

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