السلام عليكم Dear respected brothers and sisters

In the current climate of growing fear and hostility, the TVMC is reaching out to you. These concerns affect all communities but we as the Muslim community should be more vigilant due to reported attacks on some Masjids and individuals.

It is important to remember that in Islam, we have a duty and specific role in such situations, commanded by Allah through His Prophet (peace be upon him) and the Sunnah. The Holy Qur'an says

"إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ"

"*Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good.*" (Qur'an 16:128)

We must ensure our behaviour meets the standards prescribed for Muslims. We must stay calm, fear only Allah, do not panic, not cause harm to others and always pray to Allah for help and support.

Reports about specific mosques or places being threatened are often exaggerated or untrue. It is crucial that we tackle this misinformation head-on.

Always try to verify the sources of the messages you receive and confirm their authenticity. You are under no obligation to share messages and news that might not be accurate. Sharing false information can cause unnecessary panic and harm.

"وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُوا الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ"

"*And do not mix the truth with falsehood or conceal the truth while you know [it].*" (Qur'an 2:42)

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:

"إِيَّاكُمْ وَالظَّنَّ فَإِنَّ الظَّنَّ أَكْذَبُ الْحَدِيثِ"

"*Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the worst of false tales.*" (Sahih Bukhari)

If a situation arises in our local area as seen elsewhere, we must respect the laws of the land and maintain the standard behaviour expected of a Muslim. Do not harm others or any property. Instead, use the opportunity for dawah, showing the world that Muslims are peace-loving people and extend the hand of friendship to all.

Steps We Should All Take:

- **Stay Calm:** Fear only Allah, do not panic.
- **Verify Information:** Check the sources of messages and confirm their authenticity.
- **Respect the Law:** Follow the laws of the land and do not harm others or property.
- **Use Opportunities for Dawah:** Show the world that Muslims are peace-loving and extend the hand of friendship to all.
- **Make Dua:** Actively pray to Allah, asking Him to remove these problems and grant safety and comfort to everyone, regardless of their background or religion.

"اللَّهُمَّ أَمِنَّا فِي أَوْطَانِنَا، وَاجْعَلْ بَلَدَنَا هَذَا بَلَدَ أَمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا رَغَدًا، وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ."

"*O Allah, bring peace and safety to our lands, make our country safe and secure, and grant ease and prosperity to all Muslim lands.*"

May Allah protect us all and guide us in these challenging times.

Ameen

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