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Media Statement

AFIC grieves and prays for murdered Canadian Muslim family, calls on the Australian government and all governments to clampdown on right-wing extremists and calls for balanced reporting on events in the Middle East.

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“For the past few days, I have been devastated with the horrifying news of the murder of members of three generations of the Afzal family. As I pray for the recovery of their surviving 9 year old son and for their remaining family and friends, I cannot help but pose the question: what degree of evil would corrupt a 20-year-old to intentionally run-down a civilian suburban family? A grandmother, loving parents and a young girl were ruthlessly and callously murdered by a right-wing terrorist. We must weed out the root cause that precipitated in the murder to make sure it does not happen again.” Said AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid.

“As I pray for this family, I reflect on the nexus of this terrorist murder and the Israeli attacks on Indigenous Palestinians and I draw the clear conclusion that is known to all; this murder was inspired by the biased anti-Palestinian and anti-Muslim reporting on the Middle East conflict. Earlier this year, AFIC made submissions to the Australian government to Counter Right Wing Extremism, we have seen ugly examples of right-wing extremism in Australia, it is time for our government and all governments to counter the threat of right-wing extremism before more innocent people fall victims to it.” Said AFIC CEO, Keysar Trad.

“I urge all governments and especially our Australian government to enhance the mechanisms of detection and countering right-wing extremism before we are forced to grieve the loss of more innocent people.” Said Dr Jneid.

“I ask Allah to give healing to the grieving family and to admit the murdered martyrs of the Afzal family into paradise.” Said The Most Eminent Abdul Quddoos Al Azhari, National Grand Mufti of Australia.

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