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Boston-Muslim Community Proud of Our Law Enforcement and City; Re-opens Today

The Islamic Society of Boston Cambridge Masjid and community is proud and thankful to our law enforcement officials in apprehending the second Boston bombing suspect. We are also proud of our Boston community for responding immediately to the requests of the authorities for information.

While we are all relieved that our weeklong nightmare has ended, it has come with the price of the life of one of our police officers who was brutally killed and another injured. We cannot help but feel deeply troubled and saddened.

Both these suspects, we have discovered, were known to our Boston Community - to our public schools, to their local boxing club, and even to the FBI. Both suspects were occasional visitors to our Faith Community in Cambridge. Our community, and people in the institutions above, are in shock to have learned the crimes of these individuals. In their visits they never exhibited any violent sentiments or behaviour. Otherwise, they would have been immediately reported to the FBI.

After we learned of their identities, we encouraged anyone who knew them in our congregation to immediately report to law enforcement, which has taken place..

Right now, our focus will remain on grieving for the victims and their families, praying for a speedy recovery for the injured, and offering what support we can to all in need.

We are humbled by the outpouring of love and support from our local neighbors as well as our fellow Americans across this beautiful nation to our faith community. We thank all of them for the words of comfort and their solidarity with the people of Boston.

We have been working with all the authorities to provide as much help and information as we can, and we once again emphatically urge any of our congregants who has any additional information on the Boston bombings or the suspects to immediately call 1800 Call FBI.

As the sun rises again on Boston this morning, let us ensure that these acts of terror do not destroy Boston's spirit of unity, compassion, and pulling together highlighted in President Obama's speech last night. It is this spirit that allowed us to weather the storm that we all faced this week and it's that unity that will guide us moving forward.

In light of this spirit the Islamic Society of Boston in Cambridge asks our whole community to join an important Greater Boston Interfaith Prayer Gathering with Senate Candidates tomorrow where we will grieve and pray for the victims and of our city:

What: Greater Boston Interfaith Prayer

When: 6:30 – 9 pm on Sunday, April 21st, 2013

Where: St. Mark's Parish, 1725 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and compassion