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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **HEAD OF AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY WELCOMED TO DENMARK BY MAYOR OF HVIDOVRE**



**During meeting, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad says establishing world peace is critical issue of our time**

On 5 May 2016, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness was welcomed to Denmark by *Hon. Helle Adelborg, Mayor of Hvidovre* and *Councillors Annette Sjobeck, Maria Durhuus, Kenneth Christensen and Kashif Ahmad*.

During the 30minute meeting, which took place at the *Nusrat Jahan Mosque* in Copenhagen, the Mayor stated that it was ***"a great honour and source of pride"*** for Hvidovre to once again welcome His Holiness.



In response to a question about the persecution of Ahmadi Muslims, His Holiness explained that Ahmadi Muslims were facing persecution in certain Muslim countries, notably Pakistan, however, with the *Grace of Allah*, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was continuing to go from strength to strength.

During the meeting, His Holiness spoke about the need to ***“unite in an effort to establish world peace”*** and also addressed the issue of freedom of expression.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“I have always said that freedom of expression is extremely important, however there has to be a point where you draw the line because it is not right to use such speech that will offend and devastate the sentiments of others. We need to find the middle ground so that we can establish peace in the world.”***



Elaborating, His Holiness referred to comments made last year by Pope Francis in which he said that his close confidant should expect to be 'punched' if he cursed the Pope's mother.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***"The Pope should be commended for trying to protect the sentiments and feelings of people and I believe that he is trying to follow the true teachings of Christianity."***

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad added:

***"The Holy Quran teaches that there should be no compulsion in religion and that a person's faith remains between an individual and God Almighty. If we stick to the principle of respecting one another we can establish peace."***

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