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## Condemning Hate Crime: Murder of Muhammed Fayyaz Kazi

### PRESS STATEMENT

(for immediate release)

The Jamiatul Ulama South Africa is shocked at the news of the death of Muhammed Fayyaz Kazi in Ventersdorp, following an assault believed to be racially as well as religiously motivated, as reported by various media agencies.

According to the reports, Kazi was beaten up on Monday evening and died Tuesday morning, 7 August 2012, due to what is suspected to be brain trauma or bleeding.

The perpetrators of this heinous crime allegedly made mockery of, and taunted the deceased for wearing a beard. They called him 'a terrorist' and uttered racist slurs, as they inflicted deadly injuries on him.

Hate crimes of this nature are perpetrated by members of society who are failing to embrace change and harmony of the plural nation South Africa has become.

We call upon relevant authorities to bring to book the perpetrators of this senseless murder by thoroughly investigating the circumstances of this crime, arresting and prosecuting these suspects, to the full extent of the law.

South Africa needs to send clear signals that such intolerance, leading to disrespect for human life, is unacceptable. All people of goodwill should join hands in ridding our communities of such hate and prejudice.

We pray to Almighty to comfort the bereaved family and grant them patience. We also pray to the Almighty to consider Kazi as a martyr for dying for his beliefs.

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