

Press Release

**IMPAR Condemns the Widespread Violence in France
denounces the Tragic Killing of the Teenager**

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Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms (IMPAR) stands in solidarity with the global community in condemning the tragic killing of a 17-year-old teenager named Nahel in Paris. While we extend our deepest condolences to the family of the victim, we also express our sympathy to all those affected by the aftermath of this act, which also surfaced a complex, racial and deep-rooted problem in France.

While we understand the anguish felt by many individuals and communities in response to this tragic incident, we would like to emphasise the importance of peaceful and constructive means of protest. Violence and rioting across the country that followed the killing, can not be justified by any means. What happened aftermath is unfortunate and highly condemnable.

We acknowledge that nonviolent protests can be an effective tool for social change, bringing about necessary discussions and raising awareness, but we implore all people and organisations in France to exercise restraint and make sure that their protests remain nonviolent, respectful, and within the limits of the law. IMPAR condemns the rioting and also calls upon the world community to strongly condemn the widespread violence across the France.

We also call upon the authorities to exercise restraint and proportionality in their response to protests. Excessive use of force by the police often violates the rights of many innocent individuals, who express their grievances peacefully. Promoting trust and creating a harmonious society requires a balanced approach that upholds the fundamentals of freedom of expression while maintaining public safety and security.

Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms reiterates its dedication to promoting interfaith harmony and its commitment to working together with all stakeholders to address the root causes of such violence. We trust that we could build a future in which acts of violence have no place and societies coexist in peace and harmony via open communication, mutual respect, and understanding.

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