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MEDIA STATEMENT

AMP Urges Singaporeans to Move Forward from Imam Incident

1. The Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) acknowledges and welcomes Imam Nalla Mohamed Abdul Jameel's apology regarding the supplication he had made at a local mosque recently, which had ignited debates within and outside the Malay/Muslim community here. A pertinent point from the Imam's statement was that the supplication was not taken from the Quran, rather from an old text that originated from his village in India.
2. This incident highlights the importance of the role of our religious leaders in understanding the sensitivities that are unique to a society that is multicultural and multireligious such as Singapore. Equally important is the emphasising of context in which religious texts are read. When taken out of context, many religious verses or texts may be misconstrued and misunderstood, leading to division and splintering within the community. We are heartened to note that our local religious leaders have taken on this responsibility capably.
3. We urge all Singaporeans to move forward from this incident and to not allow our differences in opinion on the matter to divide us. Islam, like all other religions, enjoins peace and kindness towards others, and our religion is what should unite us as a community.

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