



**Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles**  
"To enhance unity among the Bangladeshi community"

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Memo:

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Attention:

Bangladeshi Nationals Living in Los Angeles

My Dear members of the Bangladeshi community

Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles (BUFLA) condemns the act of terrorism in Orlando, Florida; and offers our heartfelt condolences to the victims of this horrific tragedy in Orlando. This was a revolting act which does not portray Islam or Islamic Ideologies in any shape or form. Islam is a Religion of Peace, and anyone saying or acting otherwise neither is related to Islam and Muslims, nor speak for the religion of Islam.

BUFLA also condemns the hitherto rhetoric spewed by the presidential candidates of one particular political party and urges all not to capitalize this tragedy for political gains. Any comments from a particular segment of a Political ideology will further flare up Islamophobia in non-Muslim communities and result in untoward incident towards the Muslims living in Los Angeles and surrounding areas. Instead, this tragedy should focus on common sense gun control. No one in their right mind needs to have high capacity magazine or grenade to counter a thug or robber. No one needs an assault rifle to safeguard them and their families from an intruder breaking into their home. Assault Rifle ban needs to be re-instituted and high capacity magazine should only be restricted for combat use. Anyone in no fly list or anyone suspected with ties to terrorist organizations should also be barred from buying guns and universal background check should be made mandatory.

BUFLA also requests the Law Enforcement Agencies to enhance their vigilance and patrol during the Muslims prayers around Muslim Prayer Halls, especially during Ramadan rituals. We also urge all community members to be extra vigilant and report any threat of violence to LAPD and other Law Enforcement Agencies. Also all community members are urged to call 911 in case of extreme emergencies. Community members can contact the General Secretary of BUFLA Lt (Retd.) Zia Islam if they need counseling.

Sincerely Yours,

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