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And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah, and be not disunited

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Press Release

Assalamu alaikum,

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POST- ELECTION VIOLENCE IN PARTS OF NIGERIA – A CALL FOR CAUTION

We, members of the Nigerian Muslim Network (NMN), an association of Nigerian Muslims at home and in Diaspora, wish to denounce in totality the spate of violence in the certain parts of the country following the last Saturday Presidential Election after which Dr Jonathan Goodluck Jonathan was declared winner. The aspirations and expectations of Nigerians both at home and abroad were that the election will mark a new page in the history of the country through national unity and peace, responsive and responsible leadership and better Nigeria. However, the reality indicates that the nation has only succeeded in becoming more polarized, divided and suspicious of one another.

In the light of accusations and counter- accusations by political parties, their affiliations and sympathizers going around in the media and considering the level of wanton destruction of life and property that has taken place and the generated anger and tension in different parts of the country, we wish to state that the government should as a matter of national urgency beef up the nation's security to protect the life lives and properties of citizens in the affected areas in particular and the entire country in general.

On the other hand, INEC should institute a transparent and quick investigation into all allegations of rigging and misappropriations of electoral processes and materials in the conduct of the election and make the results of the findings public and correct any mistake discovered, appropriately. This will go a long way to dousing the tension and correct any real and or perceived injustice. The government and entire citizens should know that no true peace, development and progress could be achieved in an atmosphere of unresolved injustices, either genuine or perceived.

We also want to call on all political party leaders to appeal to their sympathizers not to take laws into their hands in the interest of peace and harmony. All provocative and unguarded statements should be avoided, while all the election malpractices noticed should be fought challenged in the court of law and not on the streets where blood of innocent citizens is being shed.

Finally, we hereby appeal to all Nigerian Muslims and non-Muslims to eschew violence and hatred, rather be their brothers' keepers and pray for the unity and peaceful co-existence of our dear country, Nigeria. We should all go about our normal activities without harassment and intimidation.

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