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## NUR-E-ISLAM JAMAAT

ASSALAM-U-ALAIKUM

And hold on to the rope of Allah and be not  
divided amongst yourselves (3:102)

### Nur-e-Islam Masjid Statement

The Nur-e-Islam Masjid, like all other Masjids promotes tolerance, peace and justice. We cooperate as much as possible with the authorities for the good of our country.

In this regard, we acknowledge the professionalism displayed by the Police officers who conducted a search of the Masjid's premises on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00am. Our jamaah (congregation) adheres to the laws of the country and has nothing to hide. At the same time, we are concerned about the treatment and alleged abuse of members of our congregation at their private homes, resulting in serious injuries to at least one person.

The police have made certain allegations and have detained, though not arrested some Muslim brothers. We await the evidence for their actions.

As Muslims, we do not condone any of the immoral activities associated with Carnival, but it is not within Islamic principles to attempt to take matters into our own hands and attempt to disrupt Carnival by causing destruction, harm or injury to persons or places. If there was really such a plot, **we totally condemn these plans.**

We hope that this is a misunderstanding with the Muslims involved and look forward to justice, honesty and integrity in this matter.

The noble Prophet Muhammad (May the peace and blessings be upon him) said: Help your brother, be he oppressed or the oppressor. A man said, O Messenger of Allah, I will help him if he is being oppressed, how do we help him if he is the oppressor? He replied, Stop him from oppressing for that is helping him".

At this time, the Nur-e-Islam Masjid wishes for everyone peace, tranquillity, safety and harmony to all.

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The Imam and Management Committee