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## FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE:

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### Five Officers killed in Dallas Last Night

WNY Muslims sends prayers out to all those affected by the Dallas shootings last night on Thursday, July 7th. Tragedy struck after hours of peaceful protests over the killings of two black men within 48 hours in Louisiana and Minnesota. The suspect who killed five police officers and injured seven was 25-year old Micah Johnson of Mesquite, Texas. After a standoff for hours, police killed him using a bomb robot. Chief David Brown of Dallas said that the suspect expressed anger for black lives matter and that the suspect stated that "the end is coming" and "bombs are all over the place." According to news sources, this is the deadliest single incident for law enforcement since 9/11.

"Violence breeds violence; intolerance perpetuates intolerance. We must find voices of reason and peace within each tradition and race. Take responsibility and demonstrate unity in spirit and action," says founder of WNY Muslims, Professor Faizan Haq.

WNY Muslims condemns this senseless violence against law enforcement and all civilians who have been affected by similar mass shootings. We should mourn but no longer stand in silence over these crimes against innocents. Black Lives Matter and Police Lives Matter. May those officers killed last night rest in Peace. Ameen.

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