



# Islamic Society of Boston

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## **ISB Slams ISIS; Sets the Record Straight**

The Islamic Society of Boston mosque unequivocally and strongly condemns ISIS. The barbarism with which they have treated innocent civilians, is contrary to all norms of civilized behavior and a deep affront to the teachings of our faith. We support our government's efforts to counter this extremist group and pray that God guides our government to pursue the most effective action. We always have and will continue to fight against such extremism.

The Islamic Society of Boston maintains a strong record of building bridges of faith, fellowship, and understanding with Christian, Jewish and other faith communities as well as our working relationship of mutual trust and respect with local, state and Federal public officials. We see Islam as compatible with the best of American values and care about our communities. At our centers we promote not only a deeper relationship with God but teach our members to be good neighbors and productive members of society.

This past weekend, the New York Post published a sensationalist article about our mosque full of many half-truths and inaccuracies, which has unfortunately been used by other news agencies. The ISB was never contacted for a statement or even for verification. We would now like to clarify inaccuracies.

Specifically, to our knowledge and based on our records, Ahmad Abou Samra did not worship at the Cambridge mosque nor did his father serve on any board position at the mosque. Similarly, to our knowledge and based on our records, neither Tarek Mehanna nor Aafia Siddiqui worshiped at the mosque.

Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi was never an ISB Trustee. He neither prayer nor served in any leadership capacity at our mosque.

Abdurrahman Alamoudi was part of a group of 20 or more students who helped found the ISB Cambridge mosque in the 1980s. Alamoudi was then a frequent visitor to the White House during the Clinton administration. During his association with the ISB and for many years after, he was a law-abiding citizen.

Mr. Jamal Badawi is a renowned speaker who has spoken at many prestigious universities and conferences. He travels freely between Canada and the U.S. The U.S. Government has no concerns of Dr. Badawi and neither do we.

The ISB has a strict policy to call the authorities if any individuals ever exhibit any hint of criminal or violent behavior. We encourage our community members to do the same. We have a very cooperative relationship with our local law enforcement authorities and are committed to keeping our community safe. We are proud of our many contributions to the Greater Boston community and are deeply thankful for all the strong support we have received. We are humbled by the concern and support we have received from our community

through many difficult times. Our community is Boston Strong. We stand united together and will not be divided. We look forward in continuing to be a valued part of this community for many decades to come.