



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL



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### CALL TO ACTION

The Australian National Imams Council (ANIC) and the Australian Muslim community extend their sympathy, prayers and condolences to the victims and their families who have been impacted by the recent earthquakes that struck many Middle Eastern countries including, Turkey, Syria and Lebanon.

It is very saddening to witness the crisis that the victims of the earthquake have experienced as we continue to learn about the extent of the damage caused. Recent reports suggest over 7000 lives lost and many more injured.

It is both an Islamic and a humanitarian responsibility upon all Muslims to show support and extend their help to their brothers and sisters.

We urge the generous Australian Muslim Community, the Imams, Khateeb, Muslim organisations and Mosques to show their support through:

- 1- Donating generously towards supporting the victims and those impacted, through reputable, registered charitable and humanitarian organisations in Australia.**
- 2- Dedicating this Friday's Jumua Sermon to collecting donations for the people of Turkey, Syria and Lebanon and others who have been impacted.**
- 3- Performing Janazah (Funeral) Prayers on the victims and martyrs of this tragedy after the Friday Jumua prayers.**
- 4- Finally, to make constant Dua'a for all the people of Turkey, Syria and Lebanon, the countries that have suffered, the victims of this tragedy, their families and those who are in need.**



Abu Hurairah (RAA) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:  
*“If anyone relieves a Muslim believer from one of the hardships of this worldly life, Allah will relieve him of one of the hardships of the Day of Resurrection. If anyone makes it easy for the one who is indebted to him (while finding it difficult to repay), Allah will make it easy for him in this worldly life and in the Hereafter, and if anyone conceals the faults of a Muslim, Allah will conceal his faults in this world and in the Hereafter. Allah helps His slave as long as he helps his brother.”* Related by Muslim.

**We ask Allah the almighty to make it easy upon all victims, their families, people and their countries. AMEEN.**

