



Date: Jan 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Formal Statement regarding Video Incident related to BICH

To Whom It May Concern

On behalf of Bosnian Islamic Centre of Hamilton and Community, we are issuing following statement:

In work with Muslim Community Leadership and Hamilton Police, recently, we came to information that banned group HIZB UT TAHRIR had used our outside property to record advertisement video for their Annual Conference 2025 in Hamilton, which is expected to happen on 18-th of January, time and place unknown yet.

As representatives of our community, we want to express deepest concern regarding unauthorized actions of recording video material in front of our building on unknown date/time without our consent/knowledge and using it for such purpose.

We write as concerned citizens and leaders of our community in Hamilton where we have lived harmoniously with our neighbors, regardless of their creed or ethnicity. For us, tolerance and diversity are core values that should be upheld by all. We do not support this organization or any similar organization which work against core values of our faith and democratic system of this country. We urge local authorities to help stop such event as it does not represent either Muslims or Islam. We believe that there is no place for intolerance and extremism in our inclusive city.

Gatherings like this Conference. risk overshadowing the progress we, as a community, have made in fostering an inclusive, diverse, and harmonious living environment. We ask other Muslim Organizations to come together as a Muslim Community and take a stand against the dissemination of radical ideologies.

I urge all Hamiltonians, who believe in the preservation of peaceful coexistence, to protect our city's harmony and tolerance. At the end, to emphasize again and to clarify, we as organization and community have never had any affiliation with this organization and we do not support its current actions, decisions, or policies. We will be using all legal means and are considering taking legal action against this organization for their actions and the damages they have caused us.

On behalf of Board of Directors of BIC Hamilton:

MAID BAHONJIC, President