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## **Muslim Association of Canada Affirms Commitment to Battling Domestic Violence**

(Ottawa, ON, January 29, 2012) -- The Muslim Association of Canada (MAC) firstly mourns the deaths of Zainab, Sahar and Geeti Shafia as well as Rona Amir Mohammed.

The defendants Mohammad Shafia, Tooba Mohammad Yahya and Hamed Shafia were charged with and found guilty of first-degree murder. It is this term – MURDER – that should be used, rather than the loaded term “honour killings”. No act of murder can result in honour.

The teachings of Islam condemn the taking of an innocent life and the Qur’an asserts the sanctity of human life, regardless of gender, race, or faith. The idea of committing murder to re-establish family honour does not exist in Islam.

MAC continues to express its commitment to battling violence against all peoples, particularly women and children. We will continue to dedicate our resources, using education as a tool, to address this issue within our communities and be part of the solution.

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