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Email: [richardp@wnymuslims.org](mailto:richardp@wnymuslims.org)**The Nation of Turkey Targeted Again in Terror Plot**

Buffalo (NY) Tuesday, shortly before 10pm at the Ataturk Airport in Istanbul, Turkey, 36 people were killed and, over 140 were wounded after a well thought out terror plot was carried out. Hours after the attack, Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said that the early indications points to the Islamic State. But as of early today, the group had not claimed responsibility for the attack.

Two gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons at a security checkpoint, and then detonated their explosives, setting off two fireballs. A third attacker detonated explosives in the parking lot, a Turkish official said.

WNY Muslims sends its condolences and prayers to the victims and their families. We condemn this loathsome act of crime against humanity. This incident underlies that the terrorism is a world problem and it requires global approach and cooperation. Turkey is an active member of NATO and a tested ally of the United States. At this time of pain and sorrow both nations must find ways to combat and end the evil of terrorism.

“At WNY Muslims, we believe that the perpetual cycle of violence in the Middle East and adjacent areas will only end if an equitable political solution is found. It must guarantee stability and representation of the people in the area. We urge both nations, U.S. and Turkey, to work in cooperation to help end this cycle of senseless violence,” said Faizan Haq, Founder of WNY Muslims.

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