



## Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council Statement on Bomb Threats Targeting Jewish Community Centers Across U.S.

February 22, 2017 – New York - This past weekend, 11 Jewish Community Centers across the country were victims of bomb threats, bringing the total to 69 hate crimes targeting 54 Jewish Community Centers in 27 states since January, according to news reports.

We call on the Federal Bureau of Investigation and state and local law enforcement to aggressively pursue investigations of these crimes and provide the public with updates on the status of their investigations.

“The bomb threats to the Jewish Community Centers add to a disturbing trend in similar crimes against people of faith, and it is a grave concern for all Americans,” said Council Co-Chair Farooq Kathwari.

On Monday, more than 100 headstones were overturned at Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery in St Louis. Last month, a mosque in Victoria, Texas, was burned and an Islamic Center in Davis, California, was vandalized.

“These crimes against cemeteries and houses of worship cannot be tolerated and we expect them to be investigated and prosecuted,” said Council Co-Chair Stanley M. Bergman.

*The Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council is committed as a national coalition of American Muslims and American Jews to work with federal, state, and local officials to uphold the principles of religious freedom upon which this country was founded and ensure that our country reverses this rise in crimes directed at people of faith.*