



Australian Federation  
of Islamic Councils

## **AFIC mourns the passing of Eminent Islamic scholar, reformer, and educationist Mufti Abdul Gani Azhari of Kashmir**

Media Statement

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“On behalf of the Australian federation of Islamic Councils, I extend my condolences to the family of his eminence, to the people of Kashmir and to the Muslim community.” Said AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid.

“Kashmir continues to be the largest open-air prison in the world with ten million residents struggling to survive under the brutal Indian military occupation. Jammu and Kashmir continue to be under the harshest of lockdowns with the people bring arbitrarily detained, shot at and severely persecuted. As we mourn the death of our eminent scholar, I again call on the UN, the US, the EU and the Australian government to ensure that India immediately ends the occupation of Jammu and Kashmir”. Said Dr Jneid.

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