



JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER, CANARY MISSION AND STOPANTISEMITISM RE: CLEVELAND POLICE OFFICER ISMAIL QURAN
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On August 31, 2022, Cleveland Mayor Justin M. Bibb and Police Chief Wayne Drummond released a statement addressing the results of the internal investigation into Cleveland Police Officer [Ismail Quran](#).

They stated, "We are frustrated and disappointed that no charges can be filed against Officer Ismail Quran, despite extensive internal investigations by the Cleveland Division of Police (CDP), the City Prosecutor, and the Law Department. Officer Quran's hateful offenses were communicated years before he was hired, making it impossible to successfully enforce discipline."

Though this is a strong statement by Cleveland's leaders, the absence of action is the best outcome that Officer Quran could have hoped for.

While he is undoubtedly pleased that his antisemitism was dismissed on a "technicality," the Jewish community is left to wonder - would officer Quran still be employed if he had posted other forms of bigotry?

The lack of any meaningful consequences for Quran sends a disturbing message - discrimination against Jews is tolerated and excused.

- We note that officer Quran has not issued an apology to the Jewish community. Does he still hold the same opinions? We remain in the dark as to his current views.
- We note that the Cleveland Division of Police did not rescind Quran's 2019 officer of the year award. This requires a detailed explanation.
- Finally, we note that the Cleveland Division of Police has offered no assurance that officer Quran does not present a risk and will not be biased against the Jewish community.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, Canary Mission and StopAntisemitism, therefore, call for the following actions:

1. A full public apology from officer Quran.
2. The Cleveland Division of Police will rescind all awards given to officer Quran.
3. A statement of assurance by the Cleveland Division of Police that officer Quran does not present a risk and will not be biased against the Jewish community.