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**Statement on the attack on the Muslim family in London, Ontario**

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It is with profound grief, shock, and sadness that we write this statement to absolutely condemn the horrifying terrorist attack on a Muslim family in London, Ontario today, which left 3 adults and 1 teenager dead and orphaned an eight-year-old boy.

The [Council of Agencies Serving South Asians \(CASSA\)](#) along with the [Anti-hate Community Leaders' Group](#) has been working to bring attention to hate-motivated crimes and create policies and programs to combat all forms of hate crimes and hate speech since 2019. Following the Quebec Mosque massacre of 2018, we resolved to do whatever we can to ensure such a terrorist act is not repeated in Canada. After today's attack, we know much more is to be done before we can rid ourselves of hate in this country.

Today's incident hits too close to home for CASSA, as the deceased family was related to one of our staff members. Our thoughts, prayers, and support go out to the survivors of the family, especially the eight-year-old boy who has lost his entire family because of blind hate and Islamophobia.

Today, tens of thousands of Muslims families across Canada are alarmed, scared, and fear for their safety.

We, as members of the Anti-hate Community Leaders' Group and other social justice organizations, demand the harshest punishment for the terrorist who committed this crime to bring swift justice to the deceased family.

We also extend our support to organizations such as the National Council of Canadian Muslims as they navigate this crisis and work with law enforcement and policy makers to ensure justice is served.

In solidarity,

Across Boundaries

Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP)

Bangladeshi Canadian Community Services

Canadian Anti-Hate Network

Canadian Arab Federation

Canadian Arab Institute

Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture

Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW)

Canadian Muslim Vote



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National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM)  
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Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)  
Ontario Human Rights Commission  
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Social Services Network (SSN)  
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