

Terrorist Attack Outside Finsbury Park Mosque-London

Statement by the Joseph Interfaith Foundation- National Council of Imams and Rabbis

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We are heartbroken and dismayed at this terrorist attack at Muslim worshippers as they were leaving Finsbury mosque last night. It is the fourth time in as many months that terrorists, who have neither religion nor ethics of humanity have murdered and injured innocent people in our country purely because of their hatred and prejudice.

Yet we are determined not to let the venom of terrorism poison our honourable friendship and cooperation with people of faith and none. We stand together in solidarity in the name of our Creator and the highest ethics of universal humanity. We will not be torn apart because we are all members of one Creation. Together in solidarity we SHALL defeat terrorism.

May God rest the soul of the dead in heaven, heal the injured and grant comfort and forbearance to their family and friends.

Judge Khurshid Drabu CBE; Trustee
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The Joseph Interfaith Foundation's National Council of Imams and Rabbis

1. Sheikh Khalifa Ezzat; Senior imam, Central mosque and Cultural Centre, London
2. Qari Muhammad Asim MBE Senior imam, Makkah mosque, Leeds
3. Sheikh Abdul Qayum, Senior imam, East London Mosque & London Muslim Centre
4. Imam Muhammad Ismail; Senior imam, Central mosque, Birmingham
5. Maulana Shahid Raza OBE; Senior imam, Leicester Central Mosque, The Muslim Law (Shari'ah) Council, UK
6. Mufti AK Barkatullah; Leyton Shari'ah Council, London
7. Imam Dr Ather Hussain; Senior imam, Nottingham mosque
8. Imam Abdullah Hasan; Senior imam, Island Muslim Centre, London
9. Dilowar Khan, Executive Director, East London mosque
10. Imam Asim Hafiz OBE; Islamic advisor to the Chiefs of Staff
11. Imam Abul Hussain; Deputy imam, East London Mosque & London Muslim Centre
12. Imam Hussain Ibrahim; Somali community, London
13. Dayan Binstock; Senior rabbi, St Johns Wood United Synagogue and member of London Bet Din
14. Rabbi Dr Harvey Belovski; Senior rabbi, Golders Green Synagogue
15. Rabbi Joseph Dweck; Senior rabbi, Spanish and Portuguese Community
16. Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg; Senior rabbi, New North London Masorti synagogue and Masorti Movement
17. Rabbi Mark Goldsmith; Senior rabbi, Alyth Garden synagogue, London
18. Rabbi David Lister; Senior rabbi, Edgware United Synagogue
19. Rabbi Alexandra Wright; Senior rabbi, Liberal Jewish Synagogue, London

20. Rabbi Ian Morris; Senior rabbi, Sinai synagogue, Leeds
21. Rabbi Jason Kleiman; Senior rabbi, Leeds orthodox synagogue
22. Rabbi Colin Eimer, Senior rabbi, Sha'arei Tsedek North London Reform Synagogue
23. Rabbi Danny Rich; Chief Executive, Liberal Judaism UK
24. Rabbi Dr Margaret Jacobi, Senior rabbi, Birmingham progressive synagogue
25. Rabbi Daniel Smith, Senior rabbi, Edgware & District Reform Synagogue
26. Rabbi Reuven Silverman, Senior rabbi, Manchester Reform synagogue
27. Mehri Niknam MBE, Convener of the Council