



Islamophobic hate crime takes lives of four family members in London, Ontario

Calgary, AB - The Muslim Council of Calgary Relief Centre (MCC RC) highlights the peaceful and holistic nature of the religion of Islam.

On Sunday evening, four members of a family were struck and killed by a vehicle in London, Ontario. A fifth family member remains hospitalized with serious but non-life threatening injuries. Police believe this attack to be intentional and that the victims of this attack were targeted due to their Muslim faith.

MCC RC condemns all forms of Islamophobia and hate motivated crime by extremists and other violent groups or individuals.

Canada has witnessed a concerning rise of far-right groups and ideologies in previous years. Following the 2017 Quebec City Mosque shooting, Islamophobic hate crimes have been on the rise. Violent crimes towards other faith-based communities and visible minorities have also been on the rise. We are extremely concerned regarding these attacks on our communities.

MCC RC calls on our authorities and elected officials to address the roots of this problem, far-right ideologies and supremacist beliefs, that threaten the lives and human rights of all Canadians. We urge our legislators to take immediate action to help protect our lives by criminalizing Islamophobia and to issue harsher legislation regarding any and all hate-motivated crimes.

**A vigil will be held at Calgary City Hall on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 8:30 pm.
Please join us as we honor the lives of the victims and stand in solidarity
against racism, oppression, and hate.**

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