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A Muslim Family Targeted In A Deadly Druck Attack.

"We belong to Allah and to Allah we shall return' [Al-Qur'an 2:157].

This weekend on Sunday evening all of a sudden became dark and gloomy by grief-stricken news arrived from our border-sharing neighbors, Canada. In London, Ontario a Muslim family of five were mowed down by a driver in a heinous "act of mass murder," leaving four dead and one seriously injured. A 20-year-old man from London, ON, was held responsible, who now faces four counts of first-degree murder and one of attempted murder.

During the course of the investigation, Police Chief Steve Williams said, "We believe that this was an intentional act and that the victims of this horrific incident were targeted ... because of their Islamic faith,"

Leaders from all over the world condemned this atrocious act and we are grateful for the outpouring of support from our brethren religious communities of Western New York. We highly appreciate all the sympathetic gestures, which not only strengthen the bonds between all peoples but also show that we all are united against such appalling incidents.

We all must stand shoulder to shoulder against irrational violence and its hateful propagation. WNYMuslims denounce such appalling acts. We believe that these perpetrators are disconnected from humanity and its obligations. We strongly believe that the misdeeds of a few members don't reflect their whole community. We request the community not to be judgmental and to be patient in this grave situation. "O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient." (Qur'an, 2:153)

We are a community-based organization that serves Western New York by creating awareness, encouraging diversity, and providing service. We work to become a platform for both Muslims and non-Muslims alike, encouraging dialogue about important issues so that we may reach more peaceful solutions. We encourage the community to voice

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